

UN chief says talks in 'very last hours' Falklands invasion likely by the weekend

LONDON (UPI). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday said that Argentina's initial reply to Britain's final peace proposals were not "encouraging," and reports from the fleet said an invasion of the Falkland Islands appeared inevitable before the weekend.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar grimly acknowledged that time had just about run out for his peace efforts, saying that 11 days of talks with British and Argentine envoys were in their "very last hours."

Britain and Argentina exchanged urgent diplomatic messages through the UN, but neither side appeared to hold out much hope for a peace settlement. British Ambassador Sir Anthony Parsons met with Perez de Cuellar last night, but comments by British politicians suggested that Thatcher had already decided on an invasion.

The British fleet is poised in battle formation about 150km off the Falklands in the stormy South Atlantic.

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Unions reject Aridor move to compensate some workers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Trade union leaders yesterday said they intend to disrupt work throughout the civil service next week despite Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's decision to raise by IS\$50 the monthly pay to all state employees earning less than IS\$1,233, the average wage in the economy.

Aridor announced his unilateral move in reply to the Alignment's no-confidence motion in the Knesset. The sum will be paid retroactively on April salaries, and those who made up to IS\$1,733 will receive partial compensation to that amount.

The step was intended to continue compensating state employees on the lower end of the wage scale. A similar erosion allowance was paid to all workers in the first three months of the year, but Aridor until now had refused to extend it.

The trade unionists reacted coldly to his announcement, noting that the minister had proposed such an arrangement at Tuesday's meeting with a Histadrut delegation. But trade union department chairman Israel Kassar had rejected the offer outright, because only some of the

civil servants would get the raise. Some unionists suggested that this was a Likud trick to undermine the Labour federation by suggesting the Histadrut and its negotiations are superfluous.

By offering to pay only some employees, Aridor is setting one worker against the other, they claimed.

Trade union department deputy chairman Haim Haberfeld and Civil Servants Union secretary-general Reuven Ben-Ami said the planned disruptions are also meant to press workers' demands for pay raises in various sectors, in addition to across-the-board raises the Histadrut and the government might set. Aridor has been pressing for a memorandum of understanding ruling out such raises, but the Histadrut claims he is trying to resist free negotiations.

They said the first step in next week's disruptions will be decided this morning at a meeting with the heads of the professional unions.

The meeting had been scheduled for yesterday but was postponed because the secretaries of some of the big unions conferred with works committee, a spokesman for the trade union department said.

Jerusalem of Gold, cold and prayer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A chilly but united capital greeted the eve of Jerusalem Day last evening with song at the Sultan's Pool, a sound-and-light show at the foot of Mount Zion, a festive concert by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — and with prayer.

This 15th anniversary of the city's reunification during the Six Day War found residents expressing their own feelings in their own ways.

Veterans of the battle for Jerusalem will gather on Ammunition Hill today to commemorate the fall of the 1967 war, and 10,000 schoolchildren from around the country are to converge on the city along five routes.

Dance groups will perform along King George Street beginning at 4:30 p.m.

U.S. senators oppose arms to Jordan

WASHINGTON. — Some 44 U.S. senators have already signed a draft resolution opposing U.S. arms sales to Jordan so long as that country "continues to oppose the Camp David peace process and purchases arms from the Soviet Union."

The resolution, whose chief sponsor is Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, is expected to be officially introduced in the Senate later next week, assuming a majority of 51 senators have co-sponsored it by then.

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan is due to arrive in Washington next week for continued arms talks with U.S. officials.

Recent press reports have said that the Reagan Administration was planning a major new aircraft and missile sale to Jordan, probably after the November congressional elections.

"The U.S. should focus its efforts on bringing Jordan into direct peace negotiations with Israel," the resolution states. "The U.S. should ensure that Israel retains its qualitative military edge over any combination of Mid-East confrontation states."

It warns that arms sales to Jordan would jeopardize Israel's security and peace in the region.

Hapoel Yehud upsets favoured Hapoel Tel Aviv

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hapoel Yehud scored the upset of the soccer season yesterday when they defeated highly favoured Hapoel Tel Aviv 1-0 in the State Cup final at the Ramat Gan stadium.

The Yehud club represents a small town of 13,000 on the old road to Ben-Gurion Airport. There were scenes of jubilation in town last night.

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Likud coalition in stronger position with Telem seen entering fold soon



Opposition leader Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Menachem Begin during yesterday's Knesset debate on the Alignment's non-confidence motion. (Rahamim Israel)

Begin: 58-57 is 'fall' for Peres

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin emerged triumphant yesterday when the Coalition succeeded not merely in getting a tie vote on the Alignment's no-confidence motion — the most Coalition members had hoped for — but in defeating it by one vote, 58-57.

The surprise victory came when Hanan Porat abstained, although his two Tehiya colleagues, Yuval Ne'eman and Geula Cohen voted against the government.

Begin, who spoke just before the vote, ended on a confident note. "The government will not fall today," he said. "But Shimon Peres has fallen very, very deep."

Avraham Melamed (National Religious Party), who gave the coalition a fright when he announced on the radio in the early afternoon that he would abstain, in the end voted with the government.

At the request of the Likud, a roll-call vote was taken, and when Porat announced his abstention there were surprised smiles in the Likud benches, while the Alignment deputies were grim.

The two Telem deputies, Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigael Hurvitz, also abstained. The only absentee was Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is in South Africa, but he had arranged a pairing agreement with Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment), who was present but did not vote.

Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz, whose defection from the Likud to the Alignment had threatened to bring down the government, voted for the first time with the Alignment, taking seats on its back bench.

Begin walked into the chamber only as Peres was ending his speech presenting the motion, and Peres later retaliated in kind by stepping out when Begin spoke.

The grounds for presenting the no-confidence motion were "the government's economic policy which has led to the widening of the social gap and the steep rise in the cost of living index." — Peres noted in the first minute of his speech that in 1981 Israel's net external debt had grown by \$2.5 billion.

But the Likud benches would have none of this, and they were soon heckling Peres about the "Kalanteristic" deal he had made with Linn and Peretz. The term refers to wooing members of one political party away to another with promises of special favours.

"I bought no one," Peres replied. "You, the Likud weren't true to your own platform. Linn and Peretz acted with integrity."

After two or three minutes of shouted exchanges between the Likud and Alignment benches, Peres said that under Likud rule the economic gap had reached worrisome dimensions. This was "the

main reason why Yitzhak Peretz quit the Likud."

Children's allowances had eroded, Peres continued, from 5 per cent in 1975 to 3 per cent.

Pinkas Goldstein (Likud-Liberals): "Will someone tell me where I can get some pills against nausea?"

Dov Ben-Meir (Alignment): "In the coalition agreement. There you'll find all the nausea, all the buying, and all the bribery."

Peres justified Linn's switch to the Alignment: he had every right to be "shocked by what you've done in the territories and by what you're doing to the Arabs."

Akiva Nof (Likud) took the floor after Peres finished. He charged that in the Ninth Knesset, Peres had transmitted an offer to him: If he left the Democratic Movement and joined the Alignment he would replace Eli Eyal on the World Zionist Organization Executive and would be assured an Alignment seat in the Tenth Knesset.

Peres maintained that he knew nothing about such an offer.

Dov Shilansky (Likud-Herut) asked Peres whether it was "pure ideology" that had led Linn and Peretz to move to the Alignment.

What promises had they been given, Shilansky asked.

At this point, Peretz, who had been sitting in his regular seat in the last row of Likud benches, stood up

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By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Likud government emerged potentially strengthened from yesterday's defeat of a no-confidence motion in the Knesset, although its long-term survival may now be more problematic after Tuesday's defections of MKs Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz. The Knesset vote was 58-57, with three absentions.

The chances for Telem's entry into the coalition appear considerably improved, and coalition sources add that the last word has not been said about Tehiya either joining the coalition in the future or co-operating with it unofficially on an ad hoc basis.

However, sources close to Prime Minister Menachem Begin cautioned that if the coalition framework is "not expanded within a reasonable period of time, we will have to opt for early elections, since the present situation is impossible for the government. There will be other no-confidence motions, and it is unthinkable that the government would not be able to devote full attention to governing and would have to constantly deal with no-confidence motions, stave off personal demands and whims of each individual coalition MK to prevent

defections and deal full-time with bare parliamentary survival."

The sources stressed Begin will not be able to endure this for long. The abstention by Telem's Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigael Hurvitz in yesterday's Knesset vote seems to improve prospects for their entry into the coalition, it is thought in the coalition. Hurvitz informed Begin of the decision on the abstention yesterday morning, causing an upswing in the Likud mood, since this meant the government was likely to squeeze through, at least with a tie vote.

If Ben-Porat and Hurvitz had no intention of joining the coalition, they would not have let it pull through, it is said in the Likud. Practical coalition negotiations with the two are expected shortly.

The situation is more complicated with Tehiya, where the Likud managed to effect the beginnings of a split, which may either widen or soften Tehiya's attitude to the government, bolstering the coalition's prospects in either case.

Although Tehiya decided only at 4:30 a.m. yesterday to vote against the government, MK Hanan Porat found himself in great difficulty. MKs Geula Cohen and Yuval Ne'eman are city dwellers, whereas Porat represents the Judea and

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Labour stunned by loss, sets sights on Tami

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Labour Party, though reeling from its defeat in the no confidence vote yesterday, has still not given up hope of wooing away other coalition members to its side of the court.

A reliable party source told The Jerusalem Post that the next target in the sights of party chairman Shimon Peres would be Tami, and specifically Labour, Social Affairs and Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan, a former leading Labourite.

The parliamentary failure came as a surprise to party MKs who had expected that at most the government would squeeze through with a tie vote, as it did on the previous no-confidence motion. But despite two controversial defections from the Likud to Labour a day earlier, the government performed better than it did the last time around.

This triggered a chain of recriminations in the opposition about the decision to initiate the no-confidence motion, and even more so about the deal with the defectors, which a great many in Labour and Mapam find objectionable and distasteful.

But Peres continued to maintain that his moves in the last few days "had scored a 100 per cent success."

Sources close to the chairman said last night that Peres still feels he could set up his own alternative coalition without elections by wooing more coalition members. The two Likud defectors — MKs Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz — were only the beginning, say the sources.

They maintain that the objective now is to turn attention away from the Likud proper and to concentrate instead on Tami, considered by Peres to be the weakest

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Mitterrand welcomes Israel-Zaire relations

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter
and Agencies

Israeli officials were optimistic last night about the development of Israeli-Black African ties following yesterday's public statement by French President Francois Mitterrand welcoming the resumption of

Zaire-Israel relations.

Mitterrand issued the statement in Paris on the eve of his departure on a week-long tour of African states, including Algeria, the Ivory Coast and Mauritania.

Responding to a reporter's questions, Mitterrand said he was not empowered to interfere with or to

comment upon Zaire's decision to resume diplomatic ties with Israel. He added that he does not normally advise other states about their foreign relations.

"But I am not surprised by Zaire's decision," and there is no reason for African states not to recognize both Israel and the Arab

states, said the French president.

Officials in Jerusalem said the French leader's statement "put an end to speculation in Paris and Jerusalem about whether France in fact supports Israel's return to Africa."

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U.S. poll shows increase in public's support for Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — A new public opinion survey shows that U.S. support for Israel over the Arabs has actually increased slightly during the past year, despite hostile reporting of Israeli policies in the U.S. news media and the political strains in American-Israel relations.

It also confirms the widespread notion that President Ronald Reagan has become less committed to Israel since taking office.

The nationwide poll was conducted by Penn and Schoen Associates of New York for a public relations firm headed by David Garth and Zev Furst. Both firms had worked for the Likud in last year's Israel elections.

The poll, commissioned by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was conducted between May 8-10. The same questions had been asked in 1981.

In response to the question "should the U.S. give stronger support to Israel or to the Arabs?" the

results showed that support for Israel increased from 47 to 50 per cent over the past year. The Arabs' overall support decreased from 11 to 9 per cent. The remainder in both the current poll and last year's replied both, neither, or don't know.

Some 54 per cent said Reagan's commitment to Israel had changed since taking office. Of those, more than three times as many thought that he had become less committed to Israel.

Israel is still seen as America's strongest ally in the Middle East, although by a slightly smaller percentage than in 1981, slipping from 41 to 37 per cent. In the same question, Egypt's rating increased from 20 to 22 per cent, followed by Saudi Arabia, from 14 to 15 per cent. Syria, Iraq, Jordan and the PLO received a negligible one per cent each.

In both polls, Egypt was viewed by the American public as "The country doing the most to bring peace to the Middle East," though

Egypt's standing slipped from 43 to 34 per cent. Israel came in second in both years, increasing its percentage from 16 per cent in 1981 to 21 per cent. Saudi Arabia increased from 7 to 9 per cent.

On the question of Israeli settlements on the West Bank, 47 per cent of the American public this year agreed that they "contribute to greater instability in the region," as compared to 44 per cent last year. Some 31 per cent said in both polls that the settlements help protect Israel's security.

Americans think it is more important for the U.S. to protect Israel than to have a steady supply of Arab oil — 46 to 36 per cent this year, as compared to 42 to 37 per cent last year.

In a question not asked last year, Israel is more highly regarded as an ally than Saudi Arabia — 62 to 23 per cent.

Twice as many respondents — 60 to 30 per cent — continue to oppose last year's decision by the Reagan administration to sell AWACS sur-

veillance aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

On the possible sale of U.S. arms to Jordan, 66 per cent were opposed, while 21 per cent favoured them. In response to the question "should the sale of military arms to Jordan be based on whether Jordan agrees to make peace with Israel, or should this not be a factor in arms sales to Jordan?" 53 per cent said it should be based on peace, 33 per cent said peace was not a factor and the remaining 14 per cent said they don't know.

The number of Americans believing that Israel was a reliable U.S. ally increased from 45 to 48 per cent. Those believing Israel's actions "threaten American interests in the Middle East" were 34 per cent as compared to 35 per cent in 1981.

A surprising 68 per cent said the U.S. should continue to seek peace through the Camp David peace process, as opposed to 24 per cent who thought that Camp David had reached a dead end.

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PATHS OF HISTORY

in tomorrow's Weekend Edition
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Abraham Rabinovich and David Harris pay a Jerusalem Day visit to the excavations at the southern edge of the Temple Mount, where visitors can now look at the layers of Jerusalem's ancient past.

AND MORE: Jeff Halper looks at the Jerusalem of May 1882. Charles Hoffman ventures into the no-man's-land at Taba, south of Eilat. Dan Fainaru reports from the Cannes film festival. Mark Segal meets young Herutniks Anat and Yaki Skoler. Uri Rapp analyzes the layers of Hanoah Levin's *Great Whore of Babylon*. David Richardson looks at the six-month record of Menachem Milson. Helga Dudman probes a change of ownership at Kere Deshe, on the shores of the Kinneret. Alex Berlyne is pre-judged again. Yosef Gofit attends a seminar on the Likud's five years in power. Haim Shapiro goes to a place where tourists rarely eat. Joan Borstein meets a story-teller. Martha Meisels markets for swimming pools. And a Weekend Dry Bones.

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Loren returns to spend a month in prison

ROME. — Actress Sophia Loren returned to Italy yesterday after an absence of two years to serve a 30-day jail term for tax evasion.

The first lady of Italian film, wearing a green silk suit and carrying a bouquet, was arrested by a police officer when she stepped off the plane at Leonardo da Vinci Airport.

"I'm very worried about the time I will have to spend in jail," the 47-year-old actress told reporters. She recalled that she had filed a petition for a pardon with Italian President

Sandro Pertini, blaming her plight on an error by her tax specialists.

Loren's tax problem goes back to 1963-64 when she failed to pay 112 million lire (then \$180,000) supplementary taxes on her film-making income. As the case dragged through the courts, Sophia's tax accountant in 1973 advised her to sign a declaration admitting the past discrepancies, but failed to apply for an amnesty available at that time.

A Rome court sentenced her to four months in jail, but suspended

the sentence. In July 1980, the Court of Cassation reduced the sentence to one month plus a fine.

Legal officials here say it appears likely the movie queen will be pardoned before completing her 30-day sentence.

A spokesman for the women's jail at Caserta, near Naples, said the actress entered a cell there at 3 p.m.

The spokesman said she had a cell to herself, furnished with television, table and chairs and a toilet and wash basin. (AP, UPI)

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

May 18, 1982	MIN	MAX	WIND
AMSTERDAM	10	20	20
BRUSSELS	10	20	20
FRANKFURT	10	20	20
GENEVA	10	20	20
LONDON	10	20	20
MADRID	10	20	20
MUNICH	10	20	20
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ROME	10	20	20
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Forecast: Partly cloudy.

Jerusalem	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	45	11-20	21
Golan	40	12-21	22
Nahariya	40	14-23	24
Safed	45	10-19	20
Haifa Port	58	18-23	24
Tiberias	39	17-28	28
Nazareth	43	12-21	22
Afula	43	13-24	24
Sharon	48	15-22	22
Tel Aviv	61	16-24	24
B-G Airport	56	14-23	24
Jericho	38	17-29	29
Qaza	64	17-22	24
Beersheba	46	16-24	24
Eilat	19	18-32	32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

An international symposium on "Science in a World of Crisis," sponsored by the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Aspen Institute, has opened in Berlin. Participants include Berlin governing Mayor Richard von Weizsäcker, Dr. Walter Scheel, Prof. Ephraim Katzir, Prof. Henry Kissinger, Simon Weil, Nobel Laureate Manfred Eigen and other distinguished personalities. Discussions were opened by Prof. Shepard Stone, Director of the Aspen Institute in Berlin, and Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Dr. Ivan Hacker, president of the Vienna Jewish community, recently visited the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where a luncheon was tendered in his honor by university vice-president Bernard Cherrick. At the luncheon, Hacker outlined the programme on the Holocaust recently introduced as a compulsory subject in Austrian high schools and teachers seminars by Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Education Dr. Fred Sinowitz. Hacker also presented the university with the file of comprehensive material prepared by the ministry for the programme in cooperation with the Jewish Welcome Service, directed by Dr. Leon Zelman, and on behalf of the Jewish community of Vienna, Dr. Avshalom Hadik.

British Ambassador Patrick Moberly yesterday dedicated the Lord Sieff Youth Centre in the Ganei Tzvi neighbourhood of Hod Hasharon. The Jewish community of Sheffield has adopted the neighbourhood and built the centre in Lord Sieff's honour.

The five Knesset Members from Haifa will discuss their lobbying for the city at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, Zion Hotel, at 7:15 p.m. Table reservations by phone, 04-529818.

Prof. Shmuel Eisenstadt of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been elected a foreign associate of the National Academy of Sciences in the U.S., where he is currently a visiting professor at Harvard University.

Former prime minister MK Yitzhak Rabin will address the Rotary Club in English at the Tel Aviv Hilton today.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Milton S. Jacobson, honorary president of American Mizrahi Women, from the U.S., for a week's visit.

Haig answers Begin

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has replied to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's weekend message regarding Israel's policy towards Lebanon. Kof Israel reported yesterday.

Haig praised Israel's patience and reportedly expressed "understanding" for Israel's insistence that it cannot agree to remain a passive victim of terrorist attacks originating in PLO camps in Lebanon, according to the radio.

U.S. official to Riyadh

RIYADH (UPI). — U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Morris Draper flew into Saudi Arabia yesterday and held talks with Foreign Minister Saud al Faisal, the Saudi News Agency said.

The agency said the talks, at which U.S. Ambassador Richard Murphy also was present, dealt with "bilateral relations."

HOME NEWS

Corfu hoping to head off airport Sabbath strike

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Transport Minister Haim Corfu today will try to talk Ben-Gurion Airport workers out of their plan to strike from Friday evening to Saturday night in protest against the cabinet's decision to ground El Al on days of religious observance.

The workers declared the strike believing that, after El Al is grounded in accordance with Article 18 of the coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael, the government would move to implement Article 17, which says "efforts will be made to achieve complete Sabbath observance at Ben-Gurion Airport."

Asked whether he would issue back-to-work orders if the workers insist on striking, Corfu said he would "try to find a better solution."

Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir also called upon each worker not to sever Israel's air links with the outside world. "This is an act I will not agree to," he said. A senior Tourism Ministry official said Sharir intends to raise the matter at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

In contrast, Hotelier Haim Shiff told *The Jerusalem Post* he yesterday

sent a letter proposing to buy El Al to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the ministers of economic coordination, finance, transport and tourism and Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich, who chairs the ministerial committee charged with grounding El Al on the Sabbath. The proposal — basically a letter of intent — is backed by the Arie Insurance Company and several travel agencies.

Avinom Tocatly, Arie's director, told *The Post* he had agreed "in principle" to buy 26 per cent of the shares. However, Arie's board of directors would have to approve such an arrangement, he said.

Shmuel Marom, director-general of Unitours-Israel, confirmed he had joined Shiff's initiative.

The hotelier said yesterday that Pelitours, Ophir Tours and Travex have also joined him. Mordechai Halevi, one of Travex's directors, said talks have been held, but the company's director-general is abroad and he does not know the outcome.

Boaz Waxman of Ophir Tours claimed he knows about the plan only from television, but his boss, too, is abroad. Benni Mammon of Pelitours could not be reached yesterday.

Tel Aviv may spend \$9m. on Mann Auditorium project

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A \$9 million project designed to improve conditions around the city's main cultural centre — the Mann Auditorium and Habimah Hall — will be presented for approval to the municipal executive approval by Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Caspi. He heads the city's engineering administration.

The so-called "Mann Auditorium project" will do away with the unsightly parking lot now occupying the 15 dunam square in front of the auditorium. It will include an upper and underground shopping and commercial centre and an underground parking facility for 1,055 cars.

An underground passage for traffic from Rehov Marmorek to

Sderot Ben-Zion will replace the existing intersection, which is always clogged at rush hours. Pedestrian paths and crossings will enable direct passage between Sderot Rothschild and Sderot Hen, through the square.

A luxury high rise consisting of 104 apartments, each 1,050 square metres, will be built on the periphery of the square, along with a public shelter.

Caspi said yesterday the project will attract investors and entrepreneurs, and also encourage residents to that part of the city and serve as a representative square for public and municipal purposes.

If the municipal executive approves the project on Sunday, the city will then publish a tender for its implementation.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek (left) congratulates Nehemia Cohen, one of three men who discovered a bomb on Jaffa Road last Friday and averted a disaster by warning away passers-by and calling police. Cohen, Zvi Twito and Haim Danino received citations and IS1,000 awards from the Christian-Jewish League. (Jay Rawlings)

LIKUD COALITION

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Samaria settlers, who kept steady pressure on him not to allow the government to be brought down. Porat says he was swamped with phone calls and personal appeals from people who "fear a Labour government, which could either disband the settlements, stop their further development, cut off their lifeline or discontinue any new settlement."

A delegation headed by Rabbi Moshe Levinger lobbied both Begin and Tebiya, urging that "all constructive forces band together for the building of Eretz Yisrael." At the same time Amana, the settlement group within Gush Emunim, sent Tebiya a letter threatening to sever all relations if it allowed the government to fall.

Herut hawks, such as MK Yosef Rom, Michael Kleiner and Yigal Cohen-Orad, did their own lobbying among Tebiya MKs and supporters. Most active was Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, credited by many with having tipped the scales and ensured Porat's abstention.

Sources close to the Prime Minister's Office deny that Sharon made any promises to Tebiya about increased settlement. The sources said "Sharon had detailed the settlement plans which the government intends to implement in any case. Our offer to take Tebiya into the coalition was clearly and emphatically dissociated from the Knesset vote. We stressed there is no linkage."

Tebiya, meanwhile, had refused coalition talks, but coalition sources in various parties do not see this as final. Porat said yesterday that he "had no specific promises or undertakings from the Likud. But I thought we must test the Likud to see if they really plan such wide-ranging settlement. Had we had concrete promises, it might be that

our stand would have been different. The situation would be clarified in the coming days. We have certain red lines in our demands. We want assurances that land and water would be under Israel control, even if autonomy is implemented, and that the source of autonomy authority would be Israeli. Our attitude to the Likud government would hinge on this."

Porat maintained that Tebiya is now the pivot on which government survival hinges. There is disagreement just when he decided to abstain. Some say it was prepared a day ahead of time; others say Sharon secured his agreement to abstain at 2 p.m. yesterday and smilingly strode into Begin's office to inform him. Another version was that Porat astonished Cohen and Ne'eman when he announced his abstention.

Cohen and Ne'eman, however, say they gave Porat the green light to vote as he wishes, realizing his predicament as the Gush Emunim representative in Tebiya.

The Porat move was significant especially because of a surprise announcement by the National Religious Party's Avraham Melamed yesterday morning that he might abstain.

Most coalition sources did not treat his threat seriously because he had made such threats in the past on critical votes but never carried them out when the government's survival was at stake. Nevertheless, Interior Minister Yosef Burg phoned Melamed from South Africa to demand he toe the line, which he did, explaining that he "couldn't let the party down." The NRP's stake was greater due to its wish to avoid early elections for which it is ill-prepared.

Burg said in another overseas phone call that the Porat abstention indicated a possibility of patching up relations between him and the NRP, to which he once belonged.



The Alignment's two newest MKs occupy their seats for the first time with the opposition in the present Knesset. In the back row are defectors Yitzhak Peretz (left) and Amnon Linn (second from right), seated alongside MKs Aharon Nahmias (second from left) and Uri Sabag (right). (Isaac Harari)

Shinui calls for early polls

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

Shinui yesterday introduced a new element into the political situation by announcing that it would soon table an early-election bill in the Knesset.

Although this would not necessitate an immediate decision by the House, it would be the first practical step towards moving up the date of elections.

The Shinui bill would have to be voted on only 60 days after being tabled. The government, if it so wishes, could make use of the bill by advancing the date on which the Knesset begins to consider it. But if the government does not take advantage of its right to schedule the

bill for early debate, it would only come before the Knesset at the end of July. The House will then be in recess, delaying matters even further.

Likud sources yesterday welcomed the Shinui move, saying that should the Likud despair of enlarging the coalition, it would have a ready bill to present. The Likud wants early elections, believing they would increase its strength, but its coalition partners are wary of going to the polls.

The bill must have a special majority of at least 61 votes to pass. Shinui said it presented the bill "since no party can have a workable majority in the present Knesset, giving small groups the ability to make extortionate demands."

Begin reveals agreement with Dayan before '77 election

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin revealed yesterday that three or four months before the 1977 elections, the late Moshe Dayan told him that if Begin formed the next government, Dayan was ready to accept any task that Begin would impose on him.

Begin said this during the Knesset debate on the Alignment's no-confidence motion during the speech of Ehud Olmert (Likud), who was reacting to the comparison made by some Alignment members of the defection of Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz, with Dayan's, quitting the Alignment shortly after the elections.

Olmert said it was *hutzpa* to link the two cases, since the Likud had not required Dayan's vote. In fact, Begin had told Dayan that if he wished to resign his Knesset seat that was his own affair.

Here Begin made a lengthy interjection. The initiative had come from Dayan, he said, in Dayan's home. And Dayan had explained his willingness to serve under Begin by saying that he did not want to play second fiddle to Yitzhak Rabin or Shimon Peres.

After the elections, Begin said, he telephoned Dayan and reminded him of that conversation and offered him the Foreign Ministry. Dayan requested two days' time and then informed Begin of his acceptance.

Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui): "You've just said a very grave thing."

Ra'anan Na'im (Alignment): "In other words, there was a conspiracy from the very beginning!"

Gideon Rafael, former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that he knew before the elections of talks between Begin and Dayan, and had predicted that Dayan would become foreign minister.

He said that in his book *Destination Peace* he recounts a conversation he had with Gideon Hausner five days before the May 17 elections and another one with Golda Meir on election day in which he shared this prediction with them.

Mordechai Gur (Alignment) called it *hutzpa* for Begin to give that account "when Moshe Dayan did not tell it that way, and cannot answer." But the prime minister apparently was unaware of the enormity of what he had said, for it emerged as a case of "super-Kalantarism."

Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael): "It's dirty to bring in the name of a deceased."

Gur: "You're right. I want to defend Dayan's honour."

Gur also read a letter Begin wrote to Uzi Baram (Alignment) on June 15, 1977 explaining why he had not insisted that Dayan return his mandate to the Alignment.

Begin had written that there was hardly a faction in the House from which some member had never defected, and it had never happened that such a defector had resigned his seat. There was thus no justification for demanding a different standard of conduct from Dayan.

In the Ninth Knesset, however, when Meir Zorea decided to quit the Democratic Movement for Change, he did give up his seat as a matter of principle.

Damaged tanker placed in drydock

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The German-owned chemical tanker Thorodland, which was badly damaged by a gas explosion outside the port last Thursday, was drydocked in the Israel Shipyards yesterday. Three seamen were killed and five injured.

After examination it will be decided whether to carry out complete repairs at the yard or only temporary ones.

Egyptians to visit on new passenger liner

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A tourism agreement between 15 leading Egyptian travel agents and Ben-Zion Spector, chairman of the new Peace Line passenger shipping company, was signed in Cairo this week.

Spector said yesterday that the agents undertook to send 8,000 Egyptian tourists to Haifa this year on the m.s. Peace Pioneer. The ship is to start regular service in June.

U.S. POLL

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"As you may know," a question asked, "Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have been fighting off and on in Lebanon. Generally speaking, would you say Israeli attacks on PLO military installations in Lebanon have been justified or not justified?"

The number of those responding justified decreased from 49 to 43 per cent. Not justified increased from 29 to 36 per cent. (During the

course of that year Israeli aerial strikes against PLO headquarters in Beirut resulted in a large number of civilian casualties.)

Israel came in first in response to the question: "If U.S. interests were attacked in the Mideast, which of the following countries do you think would be most likely to fight on behalf of the U.S.?" Israel received 44 per cent, Egypt 21, Saudi Arabia 12, Iran 3, Jordan 2, Iraq, Libya and the PLO 1 per cent each, and Syria zero.

Sand-bagging in El-Bireh

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two youths in El-Bireh yesterday claimed they were part of a group of 23 young Arabs allegedly forced by border policemen last week to fill 50 sand bags for no reason at all.

A Border Police spokesman said the matter is being investigated.

The youths, Khaled Abdullah and Jamil Mustafa, who work in an El-Bireh coffee shop, said they and others were picked up at random on May 9, made to march uphill to the Pasgot settlement construction site, and compelled to work until nightfall — at first by hand.

Zarifa Hussein of El-Bireh told *The Jerusalem Post* that two soldiers had come to her home on that day and asked for shovels. A labourer at the Pasgot site said, however, he had seen a group of boys but no border policemen.

According to Abdullah, he and

his friends were picked up at 3:30 p.m. Their I.D. cards were confiscated and returned only at 7 p.m. He claimed that four days later the same group of border policemen took four youths to clear a pile of stones near the Azwar school in El-Bireh.

Also on the West Bank, settlers are alleged have entered the Dabaisha refugee camp yesterday and beaten several people. A guard at the local school was injured, treated for a nose injury at a local hospital and released.

The Balata refugee camp outside Nablus is still under curfew following disturbances earlier this week.

In Jericho, two petrol bombs were thrown at a passing military vehicle on the road leading to the Allenby Bridge. The bottles exploded harmlessly on the road. The eastern suburbs of Jericho were closed off while investigators searched for the attackers.

Asian games snub Israel, Kampuchea

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Israel and Kampuchea have not been invited to the Ninth Asian Games here in November, an official of the organizing committee said yesterday.

Replying to a question, the official said that invitations had been sent to 32 countries, but not to Israel and Kampuchea. He declined to give a reason. The two countries are members of the Asian Games Federation.

It was widely believed here that Israel would not be asked to take part in the games for fear of an Arab boycott, but the decision on Kampuchea came as a surprise.

India does not recognize Israel, but has established diplomatic relations with the Vietnamese-backed government of Kampuchea, which most Asian countries have refused to deal with. The games start on November 19.

FALL' FOR PERES

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and called out: "I'll answer you, and not he!"

But before he could answer, David Magen (Likud-Herut), seated in the row in front of Peretz, jumped up, and the two were soon shouting at each other, and making threatening gestures.

Peres said that when Hillel Seidel had decided to switch to the Likud, he asked Begin whether he should retain his Knesset mandate — and Begin had answered: Certainly, that's the custom.

Shilansky's question was never answered, but Peres admitted that "when we make an agreement of course we make promises, as is customary in this House, and I have nothing to be ashamed of."

Replying for the government, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor had much more to say about the defection of Linn and Peretz than about economics.

Linn had purportedly bolted the Likud, said Aridor, because he was concerned about the growing strength of Israeli Arab extremists under PLO influence. "So, naturally, he is joining the Alignment."

Yet, Aridor said, when Alignment faction chairman Moshe Shahal returned from the meeting of the Interparliamentary Union in Havana last October he had told Peres: "We must talk with the Palestinians, even with the PLO."

Shahal: "Not true. It's a lie. You lie in the most despicable manner!"

Peres: "There was no such conversation."

Aridor: "MK Peres, who is known for his credibility says there was no such conversation..."

Peres: "Not that there was no such conversation, there was a conversation... You're using a gompip column."

Aridor then held up a page from the May issue of *Moshav* magazine, and said that he had used a direct quote from an interview with Shahal. Yet the Alignment was the party Linn was joining to fight Arab extremism, Aridor said.

Ra'anan Na'im (Alignment): "Talk about the 10.7 per cent rise in the index!"

Dov Ben-Meir (Alignment): "Who signed the agreement with the PLO in Lebanon?"

At the end of Aridor's speech, Shahal took the floor and, without referring to the *Moshav* interview, denied that he had proposed talking to the PLO. What he had said was that the government's policy, in the view of Israel's European friends, would lead to the imposition of negotiations between Israel and the PLO.

Replying to the debate, Begin said that on Tuesday he had asked Linn what he would do if the Likud chose him as its candidate for mayor of Haifa. Linn said Begin, replied that he would accept the "mobilization order." But five minutes later he was back with the announcement that he was "going home" to the Alignment.

Much worse, said Begin, was the secret agreement made with Peretz. Begin read out the paragraphs in that agreement, saying that the worst of these was the fourth, which states that Peretz's supporters will be appointed to management positions in economic concerns. This, Begin said, was not just political bribery but economic bribery.

Begin then gave the House a digest of yesterday's press on the

"Kalantarism" nature of the Alignment's deal with Linn and Peretz. He quoted verbatim Sheval Weiss's three-paragraph statement to *The Post* calling the deal "pure Kalantarism", and noted that Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) had told *The Post* that the deal constituted "filthy Kalantarism."

And Begin did not fail to quote Haim Hacham, special adviser to the finance minister, and until Tuesday a member of Peretz's State List wing of the Likud, who after Peretz's defection decided to join Herut.

The real attack on Peres was left to Ehud Olmert (Likud), who charged that the Labour Party leader had signed the agreement with Linn and Peretz without even knowing the "ideological conditions" that he would have to present to the public to justify it.

Olmert said that when Peres was defence minister in the Rabin government, he proposed to Begin that they join forces to "dispose Rabin." "In his cowardice, Peres isn't sitting here now," Olmert said, "but I challenge him to deny this." Begin, in an interjection, confirmed Olmert's statement.

Calling Peres "a two-bit huckster," Olmert portrayed him as running from one room to another on the fifth floor of the Knesset this week simultaneously conducting negotiations with the two defectors.

Olmert asserted that Peres, in an attempt to get Telem's support, tried to get Labour's political committee, in a lightning decision, to adopt Moshe Dayan's unilateral autonomy plan, which Labour had rejected for years.

Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment): "You're lying. You know you're lying. Mr. Speaker, he stands there on the podium and lies!"

No numerical "combinations" that Peres might work out in an effort to bring down the government would succeed in changing the judgment of the public which had never wanted him as prime minister and still didn't, Olmert said.

Other points made in the debate: Naftali Feder (Alignment-Mapam): "I am not happy either about Linn's and Peretz's joining the Alignment or about the way it was done. But the good of the country at this hour demands that we do not leave the field to the extreme right."

Mordechai Gur (Alignment): "In September 1978, Begin said that if PLO supporters were elected to negotiate with them. In July of this year he signed a direct agreement with the PLO: Defence Minister Ariel Sharon wants us to invade Jordan and set up a PLO government there. And you preach to us about contacts with the PLO!"

Yigael Hariz (Telem): "With all our reservations about the government's failures on the economic front, the Alignment alternative is certainly no better. We shall abstain."

Avraham Melamed: "The government isn't functioning, and I differ in particular with its economic and social policy. But Dr. Burg telephoned me from South Africa and put pressure on me, and I've decided that I cannot take the responsibility of bringing down the government with my vote."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
mourns the passing of

LUDWIG ROSENBERG

long-time librarian of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations in New York
and expresses condolences to the bereaved family.

Sincere condolences to
Professor Martin Sacks
on the death of his father

Army job-checking teams send 350 reservists home

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 350 reservists were released from military duty in the past three months after spot checks revealed they were not doing the jobs they were called up for, according to Aluf Moshe Nativ, head of the Israel Defence Forces' manpower branch.

Nativ told military correspondents this week that special teams were visiting army bases to check whether the reservists there were doing the work for which they were called up. He said, for example, that if the teams found that mechanics called to maintain tanks were found doing other jobs, these reservists were sent home.

The move apparently follows sharp criticism from the state comptroller over the number of reservists called up for tasks not approved by military headquarters. Although Nativ did not refer specifically to this criticism, he said he was aware of complaints by

soldiers that units called up more than actually needed.

These excessive calls were issued when unit commanders feared that unless they used up their allocation, the allocation would be cut.

Nativ also said that only a "very minute" number of soldiers have refused to serve in the administered territories for ideological reasons.

He said a lieutenant and a private recently opted to go to military jail instead of serving in the Golan area. But he maintained this did not reflect a new trend. Soldiers had refused in the past to serve in the territories, he reported.

The number of women not called up because they claimed to be Orthodox has increased "by a few per cent only" since the government — in accordance with the coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael — abolished the requirement that they convince a committee of their belief. It is far less than what the army had predicted, he said.

No matrics for Golan Druse without Israeli ID cards

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. — The Education Ministry yesterday turned down a request by local high-school pupils to allow them to take the matriculation (baccalaureate) examination without producing identity cards.

A ministry representative said regulations permit only holders of identity cards to be admitted to the exam.

Ten of the 56 students who are candidates for the exam announced they would accept ID cards and take it, while the rest said they prefer to lose the year's preparatory study rather than accept the cards.

Mediation attempts by Israeli Druse dignitaries aimed at ending the ID card dispute remain unsuccessful, apparently due to the refusal of Golan Heights Druse to accept the extension of Israeli law over the area.

At-Itihad, a communist bi-weekly newspaper that opposes the extension of Israeli law to the Golan, reported this week that Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich offered to release Golan Druse administrative detainees and reopen the border with Syria for family visits if the community would accept the cards.

The paper wrote that Druse leader Sheikh Salman Taher turned down the proposal, demanding that the government first allow the Golan Druse to be registered in their Israeli ID cards as Arabs by nationality with Syrian citizenship.

Back to work with Uzan, for staff and clients both

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In his first meeting with the senior staff of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs yesterday, Minister Aharon Uzan put the stress on jobs — keeping senior officials in their offices, and finding them for the ministry's clients.

He told the dozens of officials assembled in the ministry building in Jerusalem to ignore rumours that wholesale sackings were imminent. His deputy Ben-Zion Rubin explained that the ministry had suffered enough shocks in recent months. There was no intention of causing any more for the time being.

Recalling his negative experience with "make work" projects when he first came to Israel in 1949, Uzan said that the ministry's priority should be to get people off welfare and into productive jobs. He added that instead of forcing soldiers to pick oranges, people should be educated to see this as a respectable job. Rubin said that Tami's social policy will concentrate on improving conditions of the families in the lowest two income levels.

The ministry's new director-general, Asher Ohayon, said the Civil Service Commission is permitting him to keep his seat as Tami representative on the Jewish Agency Executive, but with no administrative post.

Israeli, UK foreign officials to meet

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Top-level talks between British and Israeli Foreign Ministry officials are to be held in London next month. Leading the British team will be deputy under-secretary and political director Julian Bullard. The Israeli team will probably be headed by the deputy director-general David Kimche.

The talks will be a direct result of the visit to Israel in March of the then British foreign secretary Lord Carrington and other senior officials. The idea is that such talks should be held about twice a year, with the venue alternating between London and Jerusalem, in the same way that talks on economic matters

are held at senior official level. It represents a further manifestation of Britain's desire to improve its relations with Israel and to avoid the kind of misunderstandings that have bedevilled those relations in recent months.

In that connection, two senior Israeli ministers are due here at the invitation of their British counterparts. Deputy Premier Simha Ehrlich will be here from May 24 to May 28, and will be followed in July by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat.

Also coming is Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, who will be addressing the main Jerusalem Day function being organized by British Herut today.



Ofira Navon (right), wife of President Yitzhak Navon, learns how to tie a Circassian shawl — signifying a married woman — from Saad Nabasi, wife of the Kafr Kama council head, while on a visit to the village on Tuesday. (Zoom 77)

Navon deplores low Jewish birth rate

What the Holocaust failed to achieve, the declining birth rate of Diaspora Jewry may still complete, President Yitzhak Navon warned European Israel Bond leaders yesterday in Jerusalem.

The birth rate of World Jewry is insufficient to maintain the current Jewish population anywhere except in Israel, he warned, noting that with only 23 per cent of the world's Jewish population, Israel currently accounts for 40 per cent of all Jewish births.

A gloomy forecast was made of a reduction of Diaspora Jewry from 11 million to five million by the end of this century if the trend is not reversed. With limited numbers of Jewish youths abroad receiving any type of Jewish education, the sense of identification with Jewish values and the Jewish people is declining, the president declared.

The president was introduced by Emile Azoulay, president of the Israel Bonds Committee in Lyons, France. Navon's talk in Spanish was translated into French by Philip Henriquez of Venezuela.

The conference concludes Sunday night with an address by the prime minister at the Knesset.

Galilee woman, 92, slain in robbery

REINA (Itim). — A 92-year-old woman from this village near Nazareth was murdered this week by unknown assailants.

Yesterday morning, a neighbour noticed that Amini Mahmud Azya, a pensioner who lived alone in a one-room, ground-floor flat, did not come out as usual. She looked in the side and saw the woman lying in a pool of blood.

Police called to the scene then broke in, and found next to the body a bag in which Azya kept her money. Scattered on the floor were a few silver coins.

Police, who noted that another elderly woman was robbed only 10 days ago in the same village, are holding two suspects.

Two arrested for underworld killing

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A Dimona man, suspected of having murdered reputed underworld kingpin Yamin Malka in the Negev town on the eve of Independence Day, has been arrested, police said yesterday.

The suspect, 26, was picked up late Tuesday after Tel Aviv detectives tailing his ex-convict brother were led to an apartment in the Sharet neighbourhood of Haifa.

The brother, 35, was recently released on parole from a 10-year prison term for attempted murder and robbery. He was arrested on suspicion of being an accessory after the fact in the Dimona slaying.

DA appeals drug-gang suspect's release

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The district attorney's office here has appealed the decision of District Court Judge Arye Even-Ari yesterday to free on bail a man suspected of providing weapons to reputed "Turkish connection" gang leader Shmaya Angel.

David Malka, 26, of Givat Olga, was charged with stealing from an army base M-16 rifles that Angel allegedly planned to use to free fellow gang member Haim Shushan from a Haifa lockup.

Shushan, who was charged recently with the April 1981 murder of purported gang members

FALKLANDS CRISIS

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Atlantic. Thunderstorms and gusty winds were forecast. Fleet commanders tensely awaited the code word from Thatcher that would set the invasion in motion.

"The Royal Navy task force is now making the final preparations for an invasion," the reporter John Witherow of *The Times* radioed from the aircraft carrier HMS *Invincible*.

"Tomorrow or soon after that we could be in battle," radioed London *Daily Telegraph* reporter A.J. McIlroy, also aboard the *Invincible*.

Argentina likewise braced itself for a war. Reports from Argentina's southern air and naval bases said air traffic and other military activity was intense. "All signs point to an imminent invasion," an Argentine military analyst said.

In London, Thatcher met with her war cabinet to examine Argentina's response to a set of British proposals relayed to Buenos Aires via Perez de Cuellar on Monday.

Government officials said the cabinet decided that the Argentine response was "neither helpful nor satisfactory."

British officials said UN Ambassador Sir Anthony Parsons was instructed to tell Perez de Cuellar that Britain will not tolerate any more "playing for time" by Argentina and wants another immediate final reply.

Meanwhile, for the second consecutive day the British Defence Ministry reported no military activity except "patrolling" by the task force.

The Ministry said "no comment at all" when questioned about a claim by an Argentine military source that small units of British commandos "probably" have landed in the Falklands in advance of an invasion to retake the islands.

A report in the Buenos Aires newspaper *Clarín* said that seven British soldiers have been captured 24 km north of Rio Gallegos on the Argentine mainland. *Clarín* said the team was attempting to reconnoitre Argentina's mainland air bases to target them for bombing, but a military spokesman said: "We know nothing about this at all."

Argentine diplomatic sources in New York said the military junta wants a simultaneous staged withdrawal of its troops and the British fleet that would offer both sides an "honourable way out."

They emphasized that Britain should not insist on bringing the islands' "colonial institutions," such as the local councils, into the negotiations since it would prejudice their outcome.

The sources also said that Argentina wanted to include the South Georgia and Sandwich Island dependencies in the talks while Britain insists that they are separate entities and have no connection with the Falklands.

Couple takes phone bill to High Court

A Tel Aviv lawyer couple has won an order nisi from the High Court of Justice requiring Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori to justify within 30 days why he should not cancel interest charges on their phone bill.

Attorneys Avraham and Sima Zion petitioned the court after subscriber-accounts manager Eli Bechor insisted they pay interest charges on a year-old phone bill — which they had never received.

The couple's connection with the ministry's telephone service first went bad last November, when they suddenly could only receive calls, but not dial out. A call — from

elsewhere — to the "16" service number informed them that their line was out of order, but would be repaired within four days.

After three weeks of waiting in vain for repairs, the Zions were told that there was no malfunction, but that their line had been disconnected for non-payment of a bill.

The two attorneys spent three days going from one office to another, trying to find one of only four clerks who supposedly could identify the bill they had to pay and reconnect their phone. The four — who were unavailable for three days — are identified in the High Court as Messrs. Bonen, Panzer, Adam

and Bechor.

Finally, the Zions learned that the bill had never reached them because it had been erroneously addressed under Sima Zion's maiden name Fialkov, which she had changed on a Communications Ministry form some 10 months — and five phone bills — previously.

The couple paid the old bill (April-May 1981) and got back their phone service, but two months ago were charged interest for the original "delinquency." When their protests to the ministry were met only with a threat to cut off their phone again, they petitioned the High Court. (Itim)

Rothschild will be on IS500 note

Post Economic reporter

A 500 shekel banknote bearing the likeness of philanthropist Edmond de Rothschild will go into circulation next fall, the Committee for the Design of Banknotes and Commemorative Coins has announced.

The announcement came after an earlier recommendation for the Bank of Israel to print banknotes with the likenesses of former prime ministers, Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir. It is still not clear what the denomination of these new banknotes will be, although IS2,000 and IS2,500 denominations are under consideration.

The committee was convened for the first time this week under the chairmanship of Yigael Yadin following the resignation of Alfred Witkon after 10 years as chairman.

EEC ministers' head to visit Israel soon

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, current president of the European Economic Community council of ministers, will visit Israel on May 29 as part of the EEC's search for a Middle East peace formula.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that Tindemans will meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin during his three-day visit.

Toilet theft charge

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two men were charged in magistrate's court here yesterday with stealing a toilet from the Donolo Hospital in Jaffa.

A police investigator told the court that Baida Mustapha and Shukry Nabili, both 23 and both of Jaffa, were arrested last week by police, who noticed them dragging the toilet, complete with pipes, through a street in Jaffa.

Mustapha and Nabili were released on bail of IS4,000.

Soldiers liable in traffic accidents

A soldier responsible for causing a traffic accident while driving an army vehicle is personally and solely responsible for paying damages for any injury to another soldier hurt as a result. The State and the Israel Defence Forces are totally exempt from paying such damages.

The soldier has to pay the full amount of damages out of his own pocket however high they may be. This ruling was recently issued by a three-two majority of a special five-man bench of the Supreme Court.

The reason, the court said, is that army vehicles are not covered by compulsory third-party insurance. The court unanimously called on the Knesset to adopt legislation to correct this situation.

The decision came on an appeal by a soldier who was ordered by a district court in Beersheba to pay damages to another soldier who was injured while riding in a vehicle which the appellant was driving while on active duty.

The appellant claimed that it was illegal for the army to be exempt from damages while he was held liable. This argument was rejected by a majority of the judges, comprised of the retiring president of the court, Moshe Landau and Judges Miriam Ben-Porat and Aharon Barak. The two judges in the minority, Meir Shamgar and Dov Levin, agreed with the appellant that the army's indemnity also applied to him. (Itim)

Europe committee winds up

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

The Council of Europe's political committee wound up its two-day meeting in Jerusalem yesterday with a call to Britain and Argentina to abide by UN Security Council resolution 502 regarding an end to hostilities in the Falkland Islands dispute.

Committee chairman Tom Uwin, from Britain, reiterated the committee's position that the meeting in Jerusalem had no political significance of the sort attributed to it by Arab states who opposed the venue.

Members of the committee, representing 15 European democracies of the 21 member-states in the Council of Europe, yesterday visited Yad Vashem and laid a wreath. Later they lunched with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, and dined with Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor.

The delegates will today tour Caesarea, Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

which may result from the workers' refusal to do overtime.

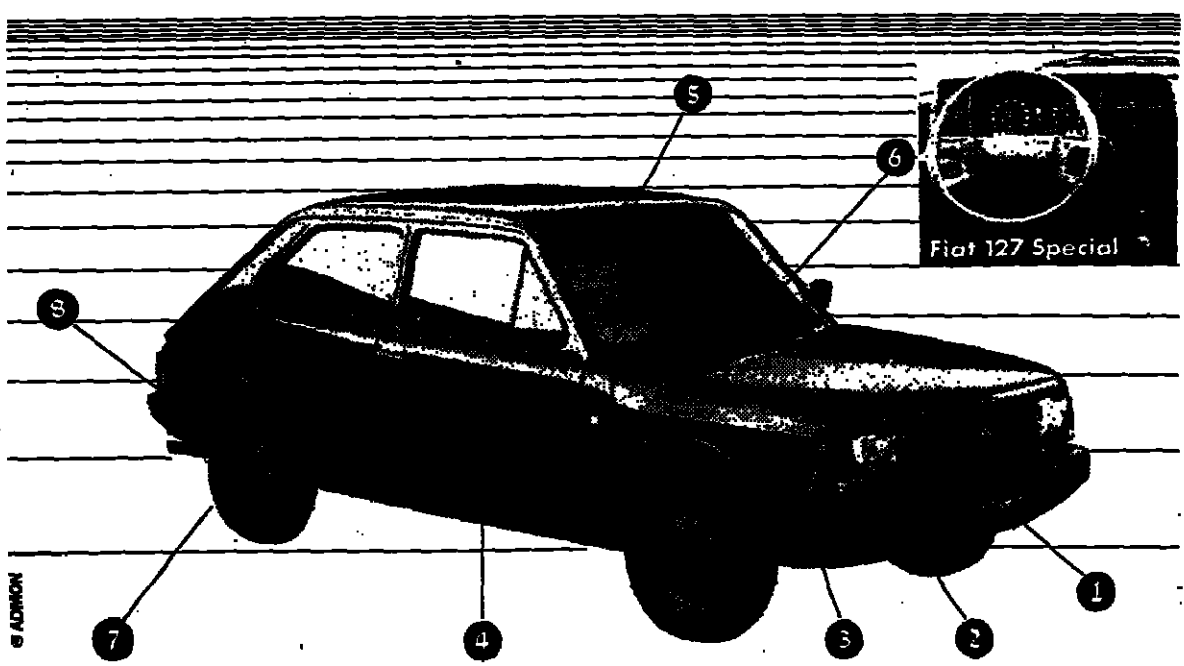
The ministry also issued orders against workers unloading fuel oil from ships to the Reading power station in Tel Aviv. The ministry declared that it could not allow the country's fuel economy and refining to be disrupted.

EXCHANGE. — A scientist exchange programme between the Technological University of Aachen, West Germany, and the Technion was signed in Haifa this week.

DOCTORS. — More than 4,000 doctors from Israel and abroad are expected to participate in the triennial world conference of the Israel Medical Association next week in Jerusalem.

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EEC-UK crisis over farm prices

LONDON. — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that a decision by Common Market countries to override a British veto on farm-price increases has provoked the greatest crisis in the European Economic Community since Britain joined nine years ago.

But she said her government would consider the matter carefully and would not rush into a reaction. The unprecedented move to push through the new prices for farm produce against Britain's wish has angered Britons, and Thatcher has come under strong pressure to retaliate by cutting off Britain's contributions to the EEC budget.

The veto on 1982-83 farm price rises was Britain's key bargaining lever in its campaign for a reduction in its payments to community coffers through a long-term reform of the EEC's finances.

The cabinet will discuss Britain's response today, but a source close to Thatcher said they may not decide immediately what steps to take. "Ministers have got to stand back and coolly decide what to do," the source said.

The loudest demands for action have come from the powerful anti-EEC lobby, spearheaded by the opposition Labour Party economic spokesman, Peter Shore, who has called for an immediate halt to British EEC payments. But they have found an echo among Thatcher's supporters in Parliament and in the press.

The *Financial Times* said Britain should continue to press for budget reform by the end of the year, while making it clear that "Britain would feel entitled to take unilateral action to insure a satisfactory outcome — by withholding payments

— if the other member states are not prepared to negotiate it." The Irish government's refusal to support a one-week extension of Common Market trade sanctions against Argentina over the Falkland Islands dispute drew strong criticism on Tuesday from politicians in Dublin, Belfast and London.

But Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey defended his government's decision at an EEC foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg on Monday and said it had "wide support" among the Irish people.

Speaking in the Irish parliament, Haughey, leader of the ruling Fianna Fail party, said Ireland, which backed the first month of EEC sanctions at the outset of the Falklands dispute, could not support an extension now that the fighting had escalated. (Reuter, AP)

Iraq claims Iran forces in retreat

BEIRUT. — Iraq claimed it mounted an offensive against Iranian forces outside the embattled port of Khorramshahr yesterday. At the same time, Saudi Arabia warned that an end to the Gulf war would not necessarily bring peace to the region.

While communiques from Baghdad said the Iraqis had forced the Iranians to retreat from ground they had retaken last week, the official Saudi state radio said that Iran plans to destabilize the region.

A communique from Iran, transmitted by the Islamic Republic News Agency, said six Iraqi jets were shot down in 24 hours of

fighting. All were in the vicinity of Khorramshahr, the communique said.

Iran inflicted heavy losses on Iraqi troops when they made a "last ditch move" early yesterday on Iranian positions north of Khorramshahr, Tehran Radio reported.

Iran and Iraq are battling for control of Khorramshahr on the Shatt al-Arab waterway that was partly occupied by invading Iraqis soon after the war started September 22, 1980. The city is the last strategic parcel of Iranian land that the Iraqis have been able to hold on to in the face of recent Iranian counter-offensives.

"War for Iran's rulers is the only way out of internal upheavals," the Saudi broadcast said. "The succession of recent Iranian threats smell of intent on aggression and leave no doubt that Iran aims not only for a victory against Iraq but extends its sights elsewhere in the area."

The Saudis and other Gulf Arab leaders have said they fear an Iranian victory would lead to the spread of an Iran-style revolution to their regimes.

The Iranian leaders under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini say they want only to kick the Iraqis out of Iran and have no design on taking Iraqi soil. (AP, Reuter)

Hassan annoyed by camera session

WASHINGTON. — The meeting between Morocco's King Hassan II and President Ronald Reagan yesterday began on a somewhat discordant note when the monarch appeared to be annoyed over a prolonged picture-taking session.

"I think you should make an allowance for the time we devote to the press and not include that in our meeting," Hassan said. "It's only fair."

The monarch, on a three-day official working visit, is reportedly seeking weapons in the war against Polisario rebels in the disputed Western Sahara.

Reagan and administration officials have said they would try to impress on Hassan the need for a political solution to the dispute. (AP, UPI)

Bombing kills boy during Calcutta voting

NEW DELHI (UPI). — A 12-year-old boy died in a bomb blast during voting yesterday for four state governments and seven parliament seats.

A bomb was hurled during a clash in Calcutta between supporters of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and opposition parties, killing the boy.

At stake in the election were 592 seats in state assemblies in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and West Bengal. In addition, voters will elect seven members to the lower house of parliament — two in Rajasthan and one each in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Maharashtra.

Uganda frees U.S. newsmen after 2 days

NAIROBI (UPI). — American reporters Charles Powers of *The Los Angeles Times* and Robert Rosenthal of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* were released from a Ugandan military jail yesterday after two days of beatings and interrogations by Ugandan soldiers, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Kampala said yesterday.

On their release they told a local Ugandan journalist that they had been beaten and kept in a dark cell in the Bombo army barracks known as one of the Ugandan army's main torture centres with 150 other Ugandan prisoners.

Powers and Rosenthal had been arrested Monday inside the barracks while attempting to interview the camp commander.



Actress Sophia Loren is escorted by a police officer after her arrest yesterday at the airport in Rome on a charge of tax evasion. Behind her is her sister Maria Scicolone. (Report on Page One.) (UPI telephoto).

Solidarity leaders in hunger strike

NOWY DWOR, Poland (Reuter). — A senior Solidarity official confirmed yesterday that 14 leaders and advisors of the suspended Polish trade union were staging a prison hunger strike.

Jan Rulewski, the Solidarity chief in Bydgoszcz, said he and his comrades began fasting at Bialoleka prison near Warsaw last Wednesday to protest martial law and to back church proposals for talks aimed at national reconciliation.

Though the case was not inherently political, before being silenced by the judge, Rulewski used the hearing to air views of interest to Solidarity leaders and to confirm reports of the hunger strike.

Rulewski, 38, was addressing a court here during his trial on charges arising from a road accident a year ago. The judge adjourned the trial indefinitely after a doctor ruled that the Solidarity official was not fit enough to take part.

ISRAEL-ZAIRE TIES

(Continued from Page One)

French officials reportedly then told reporters that Mitterrand, during his visit to Israel last year, had made no specific commitment to Israel to help in the restoration of Israeli-African relations. But Israeli officials dismissed this, saying: "Mitterrand was not forced to make the statement, or to make it at this time."

Reacting to news media reports that Gabon and Togo have announced they do not intend for the time being to restore relations with Israel, a senior Israeli official said last night: "We are unmoved by such announcements. We have asked nothing of them, and they are obviously still in shock from Zaire's move."

"The momentum of Zaire's re-establishment of ties with Israel, is unstoppable," added the official. He said the exchange of ambassadors between Kinshasa and Jerusalem will probably occur next month. He predicted that relations with other African states will be restored "within a matter of months."

Officials in Jerusalem said they have no knowledge of a visit by Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko to Israel or a date for the projected visit to Zaire by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Kol Israel reported last night that Zaire's ambassador to Brussels yesterday said the new Zaire embassy to Israel will be in Tel Aviv, not in Jerusalem, and that the official who had said it would be established in Jerusalem was not empowered by Mobutu to do so.

During his visit to Jerusalem to announce the Zaire decision, the director of President Mobutu's office, Ninyaidiki Ngimbi said the embassy would be set up in Jerusalem.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal was quoted as saying yesterday that Saudi Arabia's decision to sever diplomatic relations with Zaire "came on the basis of a decision adopted collectively by the Arab states."

The Saudi minister did not spell out clearly whether the decision meant that all Arab states would follow the Saudis example. But he indicated this would be the case.

Syria yesterday called for an emergency meeting of the Arab League council to discuss Zaire's decision to restore relations with Israel.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Zaire has decided to refuse further U.S. aid because it could not accept being humiliated at the same time. The Zaire ambassador in Brussels, Kengo Wa Dondo, said that "what you give is not important, but the way in which you give it is."

He said the Zaire government took the decision last week because of allegations in the U.S. that part of the U.S. aid had been misappropriated and, as a consequence, the U.S. Congress decided to decrease the aid.

"I want to specify that Zaire still considers the United States a friendly country," Kengo added. "When the denigration of Zaire comes to an end, we will be able to resume our cooperation assistance relations with the United States."

Tunisia announced yesterday that it was recalling its ambassador to Zaire.

An official communique in Tunis said that President Habib Bourguiba deeply regretted Zaire's renewal of ties with Israel, which it added was against resolutions voted at the UN, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned movement, as well as against Afro-Arab solidarity.

Sports

Yehud play Cinderella

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An extraordinary free kick taken by Hapoel Yehud's controversial forward Shalom Rockban, combined with a rare error by Hapoel Tel Aviv's goalkeeper and captain Arie Bejerano, enabled Yehud to perform an amazing Cinderella act yesterday and to win the State Cup. They defeated strongly favoured glamour side Hapoel Tel Aviv 1-0 in the soccer final at the Ramat Gan stadium, thereby confounding all the pundits.

In the 56th minute, Yehud were awarded a free kick from 22 metres outside the Tel Aviv goal-line, for one of the innumerable fouls committed on Rockban by the Tel Aviv defenders, as they vented their frustration on him because of their inability to cope with his wily dribbling. A solid wall of red-shirted Tel Avivians formed in front of Rockban. He sent a spinning shot at the side of the wall, and Gabi Leshi, for some inexplicable reason, budged and let the ball go on its way towards the goal.

Bejerano read the situation correctly, got across the goal, put his hands to the ball — but failed to hold it cleanly. It went spinning up in the air, over his shoulder, and beyond the goal-line. International referee Menahem Ashkenazy had no doubt — he pointed firmly to the centre spot.

From then on, the road to the cup was wide open for Yehud. Their rock-like defence, against which team after team has pounded in vain this season, was in its element — a goal up, and time ticking away remorselessly for the doomed Tel Avivians.

They went through the motions of attacking, but in fact there was an air of hopelessness about their efforts, as if they knew that the game was lost. For the most part, they relied on desperate high crosses or shots lifted into the goalmouth, every one of which was calmly collected by Yehud's brilliant

goalkeeper Arie Haviv, who was complete master in the air.

If anything, the occasional raids of Yehud, spearheaded by Rockban, seemed far more dangerous than the dogged efforts of Tel Aviv. Rockban showed flashes reminiscent of the incomparable George Best, but he is primarily a showman, who beats his man, and then returns to beat him again, as if he is playing for the fun of the thing. He shows almost no interest in scoring goals.

Nevertheless, he had a great game, and it is not surprising that he and Haviv are the heroes of the little town of Yehud, whose 13,000 inhabitants think soccer, dream soccer, love soccer, and last night went into ecstasies of excitement.

Until Yehud scored, the game was dull and stodgy, a typical bad cup-final in which there was a heavy accent on defence. Tel Aviv's trio of attackers — Moshe Sinai, Gil Landau and Rifat Turk — never displayed the guile or speed needed to split open the hard-tackling, bunker-like Yehud defence.

President Yitzhak Navon was at the game and presented the State Cup to the Yehud captain, Israel Sasson. But much of the time he was surreptitiously listening to radio on his portable transistor, possibly to a commentary on the match, or perhaps he was trying to keep track on what was happening to the government.

Tel Aviv have won the Cup seven times. This was, of course, Yehud's first such victory. It is reported that the town is paying a bonus of IS\$50,000 to each player. Zvi Rosen, the former captain of Israel's international side, was the coach of Yehud. He is the man responsible for their developing their formidable defences. He leaves Yehud next season — paradoxically, to coach Hapoel Tel Aviv. There were only 20,000 spectators in the large Ramat Gan stadium, perhaps because of expectations that Tel Aviv were sure to win a dull game.



Israel Sasson, the Yehud captain, holds the State Cup high after receiving it yesterday at the Ramat Gan stadium from President Yitzhak Navon. (Uzi Keren)

Britons can go to Spain

LONDON (AP). — England, Scotland and Northern Ireland should all play in the World Cup Soccer Tournament in Spain next month, while Argentina will also compete, despite the Falklands

crisis, British Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane said in the House of Commons yesterday.

"The British Government at the moment sees no objection to British teams going to the World Cup,"

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

The Presentation of the President's Award to Mrs. HELLA H. GERTNER President of the Austrian Friends of Tel Aviv University

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17.30 Lions in Jerusalem — based on a story by Samuel Hupert (repeats)

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18.30 News roundup

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18.45 Invention and Innovation

19.00 Meeting in a Jerusalem Courtyard — interview and variety show

19.30 News

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20.03 March of the Week

20.30 Programme Trailer

21.00 Mabat Newsweek

(Cilla Grossmeyer, Jerusalem Symphony, Zelik)

10.05 (stereo) Michael Haydn

11.00 Sephardi songs

11.15 Elementary School Broadcasts

11.30 Education for All

12.05 (stereo) Jerusalem Artists — Bach: Counterpoint 1 (Brass Quintet of the Jerusalem Symphony); Bieber: Sonata misteria (David Chen, Meir Harim, Rina Kohn); Locatelli: Sonata for Cello and Harp (Adina Har-Or, Michael Hana); Vivaldi: Cantata (Cilla Grossmeyer); Schubert: Fantasy for Piano four-hands in F Minor (Bracha Eden, Alexander Tumin)

13.00 (stereo) Jerusalem on the Opera stage (no details available)

14.10 Children's programmes

15.30 (stereo) Artists at Mikhkenot Sha'ananim (no details available)

17.35 Programmes for Olim

20.35 (stereo) The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Ernest Bour conducting, with Christina Ortiz, piano — Haydn: Symphony No. 89 in F Major; Mozart: Piano Concerto in A Major, K.488; Serenissima: The Rite of Spring, ballet music

23.00 Radio Drama

00.10 (stereo) Chamber Music in Brahms: Piano Quintet in F Minor (Maurizio Pollini, Italian Quartet)

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics

6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts

6.40 Editorial Review

6.54 Orbits Light — drivers' contest

7.00 This Morning — news magazine

8.10 Jerusalem Day

14.10 Live broadcast from the King David Hotel

16.10 Jerusalem Day

17.10 Live broadcast from the Western Wall

18.07 My Jerusalem — interview with Teddy Kollek

18.48 Bible Reading — Psalms 40 11-18

19.00 Today — people and events in the news

20.10 The Dream of the Jewish Quarter

22.05 Surround Zion

00.10 Songs of Naomi Shemer

Army Programme

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Yoel Teitelbaum on Musical Language

7.07 "707" — Alex Ausky reviews the morning papers

8.05 IDF Morning Newsweek

9.05 Right Now — with Kobi Meidan

11.05 Songs for Jerusalem Day

12.05 Israeli Spring — with Eli Yizraeli

14.05 Two Hours — afternoon magazine

16.05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew songs

17.05 IDF Evening Newsweek

18.05 Economics Magazine

19.05 Music Magazine

20.05 Hebrew Ha Parade

21.00 Mabat Newsweek

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EVERY YEAR the percentage of the population in the higher age brackets increases, and more and more of us need to think about aging in terms of ourselves and our immediate family.

Thinking does not mean worrying, a dead end to nowhere. It means looking at ourselves and our particular circumstances. It means considering what actions are within our capabilities — what exactly we can do to enhance the quality of our lives in our non-working years.

For many of us, the years following retirement could be 20 per cent, or more, of our life span. It would seem only logical that no effort be spared that would contribute to a satisfactory aging process.

It's no secret that satisfactory aging is intimately related to health, economic independence and having plenty to do (including lots of friends). Everyone knows that you can't feel good unless you're healthy, that it's better to be rich than poor, and it is not news that people need activities and friends.

What is new is that today more and more people in their pre-retirement years are actively planning their own future. People are becoming quite sophisticated about looking into their financial arrangements and getting help from their bankers and retirement funds in considering future expectations. There are, of course, factors over which we have no control. Therefore, the essence of good adjustment is to recognize what you can do nothing about and learn to live with it. On the other hand, you want to be resourceful and as aggressive as possible in maximizing those factors that contribute to personal satisfaction. Ironically, in planning for retirement, the areas most often neglected are those in which the individual could exercise the most control.

These are in the realm of activity, of keeping busy and involved. A common complaint among senior

Putting a shine on the golden years

ALL IN THE FAMILY/Eleanor Harris

citizens is that somehow one's time is not being spent in a meaningful way. It would be both cruel and pointless to point out to an aged person that he did nothing to prepare himself for this eventuality. People should be encouraged to develop new interests, social skills and craft skills in the years before retirement, rather than after.

NOT ONLY are such interests and skills more easily acquired in the active years between 55 and 65 but they also are the main deterrent to the post-retirement depression to which everyone is vulnerable. In fact, health and financial circumstances being equal, social and creative skills are the difference between a bitter and lonely old age and a satisfactory one.

The dedicated collector or hobbyist obviously has a head start. Not only has he some absorbing avocation just waiting for him to have more free time, but more important he also is a person who has already had experience in occupying his free time by himself.

Too many people are so completely involved in earning a living and caring for family that they never find the time or feel the need to develop other interests. When they suddenly find time on their hands, frequently they meet any suggestion for new activity with, "Oh, but I've never been interested in doing anything like that." This can be a self-defeating, even vicious

circle. Having nothing to do is depressing, and a depressed person is not likely to try new things. Therefore, people concerned with the welfare of retirees are putting great emphasis on personal development, and starting many years before retirement age.

From the hundreds of ideas I've culled from books and abstracts, I would like to list some very general categories of activity. The reader may choose what is appropriate for him, or better yet, may be stimulated to come up with ideas of his own.

Socialization. Renew old friendships, strengthen existing ones and make some new ones. The children are grown, the grandchildren don't need all of your time and attention and your house is empty too much of the time.

Whether you are a couple or a single, ask yourself how many times in recent months you were entertained or entertained. Remember that the only cure for loneliness is people — and people who make other people their hobby are endowed with a very special gift.

By the way, this also includes correspondence. Letter writing is no less valid as a hobby than stamp collecting, and though it is something you do when you are alone, it is a very social activity.

Exercise. If you are devoted to some sport or participate in an exercise class, fine. But, above all, learn to like walking. Before your car-

diologist tells you that you must, get out and walk.

Many of us, for whom walking was only a means of getting from the parking place to the supermarket, just never learned to enjoy it. Once you become hooked, and if you walk every day for just one month, I guarantee that you will, you will agree that just walking for its own sake is pleasurable. And then there is the important bonus of a much improved feeling of well-being and increased energy.

Incidentally, for people who have owned an automobile most of their adult lives, a major crisis may be the time when one must give up driving. To reduce dependency on the car well before that time comes will lessen the blow, as well as being profitable from the standpoint of both health and money.

Handicraft skills. I can just hear the snide remarks of busy people who immediately think of weaving baskets and pot-holders as make-work for those who have nothing better to do. But the therapeutic value of being productive and creative — not just busy — is immeasurable.

There are many polysyllabic words to describe the benefits derived from active hands, but the important thing is that knitting, weaving, carving, caning, etc., are fun. Everyone likes to be able to give presents, and for the people we love, a tapestry, a hooked rug, a tablecloth for Shabbat or an initial-



led sweater are gifts with monetary and sentimental value.

And forget those old-fashioned sex-role stereotypes! Since rag-hooking (or any other fabric art) has nothing to do with either preoccupation or recreational sex, I see no reason for designating such activities as "male" or "female."

Exercise for the brain. Just as one needs physical exercise for the muscles, to be in condition, so the brain needs stimulation. There are those who return to university to study and those who are addicted to crossword puzzles. Serving the same needs are games of all kinds, which are both intellectually stimulating and have the added advantage of being social. Good bridge players are always in demand, singles or pairs, as either partners or opponents, and it's never too late to learn how to play. So join the club, or start one of your own and get up a monthly poker game, a backgam-

mon or scrabble tournament. It's good for you!

Gardening. In a class all of its own, gardening can be either solitary or social. It provides exercise for the muscles and an outlet for the creative urge. What you grow beautifies the home and makes charming presents. One can make a full-time occupation out of a dunam or derive several hours of enjoyment a week out of a balcony or a row of window boxes. People who never grew a sweet potato can learn and become old-hands with African Violets. If you're a cooking enthusiast, by all means start a herb garden in an old kitchen pot.

Volunteerism. This last item should perhaps have appeared first. Offering a helping hand is social, provides activity and, most important, is a necessary contribution to the community. Anyone blessed with long years and health in which to enjoy them owes it to himself and

to his fellow man to make some contribution to the well-being of others.

Thousands of "young" retirees in this country are contributing their time and effort in the interests of soldiers, the old and the infirm, or raising funds for the mentally handicapped. Everyone who wants to can find a place where he can make a real contribution to others, while doing good for himself.

Fact: people are living longer. Whether they are living better is a very individual matter.

Those of us who have our later years still to look forward to need to learn how to plan for these years, just as we planned for other periods in our lives. It is a sad mistake to postpone that planning, because if it involves changing your life-style in any way, or learning new activities, how much more easily this is done at age 55 than at age 65.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY CHOIR. Ralph Woodward conducting, with the Israel Chamber Orchestra, (Tel Aviv Museum, May 15). Merrill Bradshaw: "The Vision of Ezekiel," for choir and orchestra; Vaughan Williams: "Flos Campi," suite for viola solo, small chorus and small orchestra; Virslis: "Lauda Jerusalem," psalm for two sopranos, double chorus and two orchestras; Bach: Motet, "Komm, Jesu Komm," for double chorus; Bach: Cantata No. 191, "Gloria in Excelsis."

IN THIS LAST musical presentation of the Tel Aviv Festival, the visiting Brigham Young University Choir joined forces with the Israel Chamber Orchestra. The programme was interesting and varied, but musically speaking, it left much to be desired.

Conducting the choir and chamber orchestra was Ralph Woodward, who gave us little reason for satisfaction. His interpretations were almost all the same in character and style; he tried to impress by sheer force. Keeping a steady fortissimo, the pieces seemed flung at the audience with irresistible vehemence.

Too much zeal

MUSIC REVIEWS

True, the choir sings with zeal and enthusiasm, and the orchestra participated eagerly in the general euphoria. However, when there is so much involvement, proportions get lost and artistic elements become secondary.

Merrill Bradshaw's *The Vision of Ezekiel* is effectively and skillfully written. The composer undoubtedly knows his metier and how to impress. A close look, however, reveals an extremely naive approach to the biblical text. Furthermore, his music is external and overtly bombastic. The piece could well have been composed for a Hollywood biblical superdrama.

The only change in the style of

performance came in Vaughan Williams' *Flos Campi* (The Lily of Sharon). This was the only piece in which the conductor applied artistic criteria. The piece itself is interesting, a strange venture by Vaughan Williams into pseudo-orientalism with pentatonic and modal textures. The performance was fine. The choir sang a damped vocalise and violist Yuval Kaminkovsky delivered a superb solo.

Vivaldi and the two Bach items exhibited little more than physical impetus.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

RINAT NATIONAL CHOIR, Dan Vogel conducting. (Haifa Museum, May 15) Nicholas:

"O Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem"; Tomkins: "When David Heard"; Bruckner: "Ave Maria"; "Graduale"; Brahms: Three Songs; Bernstein: selections from "West Side Story"; Ciaffarelli: "The Lamentation of Jeremiah"; Negro Spirituals, Songs by N. Shemer, Wilenski, folk songs, traditional melodies. Arrangements by Ben-Haim, Sperber, Dov Carmel, Goldmann, Y. Braun, Aldama.

DAN VOGEL, now with the New York Opera, stood in as choirmaster in a long, mostly a cappella programme of some 18 works. The level of the Rinat Choir's performance varied.

The lesser known works by Nicolson and Tomkins revealed flexible sonority and were musically expressive. Bruckner's *Graduale* had a well-carved polyphonic texture... the *Ave Maria* beautiful, cultivated singing and sensitivity.

In the second part of the evening, the soprano solos in the Negro spirituals shined clear and fine voices, notably the cultivated one of Rahel Nachmias.

The selections from *West Side Story*, presented with zest and liveliness, were a special treat. There were good renditions of traditional melodies, in new arrangements. Dror Yikra and Or Y'rushalaim (Y. Sarig).

Dan Vogel conducted with efficiency and understanding attention to detail, producing finely graded dynamics and good communication with his singers. Together, they made the evening a success with the audience.

ESTHER REUTER

Flavours of places

BACK TO SCRATCH
Phyllis Glazer

unfamiliar to you opens new perspectives to food enjoyment, and it's certainly worth trying them if you like culinary adventure. Some interesting spice mixtures to get you started are:

GARAM-MASALA I (India)
50g. whole black pepper
50g. coriander (cumin) seeds
38g. caraway seeds
13g. whole cloves
20 cardamom seeds, peeled
13g. ground cinnamon

Clean your coffee grinder, or get out your mortar and pestle, and grind together all the above except the cinnamon. The mixture should be ground up but not powdery. Add the cinnamon and store in an airtight jar. Similar to curry powder, this spice mixture may be used in vegetable dishes or stews, with grains or meats. Unlike curry powder, however, add it the last few minutes of cooking.

GARAM MASALA II
6 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
5 tablespoons cumin
1 1/4 tablespoons cinnamon (ground)
1 1/4 teaspoons cloves
1 tablespoon mace or nutmeg
2 1/2 tablespoons ground cardamom

6 tablespoons ground coriander seeds (optional)
2 tablespoons ground bay leaves (optional)
Prepare as above. Both recipes may be halved if desired.

BOUQUET GARNI (France)
4 parsley sprigs
1 bay leaf
1/4 teaspoon thyme

Place these ingredients in a rinsed, cheesecloth bag and tie. If using fresh thyme, tie the above together with a string with a small sprig of fresh thyme replacing the 1/4 teaspoon dried herb. Use in soup, stews, in cooked vegetable dishes and sauces. Garlic or celery may be added if desired.

LA KAMA (Morocco)
1 tablespoon ginger
1 tablespoon black pepper
1 tablespoon turmeric
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg

Mix together and use in vegetable stews and soups.

DUKKA (Egypt)
From Claudia Roden's book of Middle Eastern Cookery.
1 cup ground coriander
2 cups sesame seeds
1/4 cup hazelnuts
1/4 cup cashews

1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper (or more)
Roast or toast the spices separately. Grind them together until ground, but not powdery. If using a blender, make sure to work quickly to avoid creating a moist mass. Serve with bread and olive oil. The quantity above may be halved or quartered.

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1. SYNOPSIS OF CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS OF THE HEAD OFFICE ABROAD

SYNOPSIS OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979 AND 1980

	1979	1980		1979	1980
Investments	\$ 4,794,984	\$ 5,614,160	Capital, Funds & Balances	\$ 574,165	\$ 684,299
Fixed Assets	23,239	23,437	Life Insurance Reserves	4,033,436	4,766,721
Other Assets	213,675	301,080	Reserve for Unrealized risks in General Insurance	6,437	7,703
			Pending Claims	29,448	37,418
			Other Liabilities	388,091	462,538
	\$ 5,031,578	\$ 5,938,677		\$ 5,031,578	\$ 5,938,677

DETAILS OF INSURANCE BUSINESS AND OF PROFITS FOR THE YEARS 1979 AND 1980

	1979	1980
Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 733,982	\$ 886,702
General Insurance Premiums	2,104	2,150
Profits (losses) on Life Insurance	51,800	32,360
Profits (losses) on General Insurance	(1) 637	(1) 1,029
Income from Investments net of expenses not set off against business account	591	1,495
Business Profit (before allocation)	50,963	31,331

2. DETAILS OF BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEARS 1979 AND 1980

	1979	1980
Premiums and policy fees for Life Insurance	IS 1,790	IS 5,777
Premiums and policy fees for General Insurance	0	0
Profit (loss) on Life Insurance	289	(1) 247
Profit (loss) on General Insurance	0	0
Income from Investments net of expenses not set off against Business Account	0	0
Business Profit (loss) * before Income Taxes of IS NIL (1979) and IS NIL (1980)	289	(1) 247
IS Liabilities in Israel	IS 6,481	IS 12,206
Recognized Investments in Israel	7,665	13,788
Excess on Deficit of Investments in Israel	(+11,204)	(+11,582)

NOTES:

1. As required by the Israeli Department of Market of Capital, Insurance and Savings, foreign currencies in the above statements for 1980 and 1979 were converted into Israeli shekels and Israel pounds, respectively at the following representative rates provided by the Bank of Israel:
As at December 31, 1979: Can. \$ 1.00 = IL 29.84; U.S. \$ 1.00 = IL 35.34; £ sterling 1.00 = IL 78.68
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WHEN Sir Moses Montefiore visited Jerusalem in the middle of the century, he was troubled by the immense overcrowding of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City with over 15,000 people crammed into an area of not much more than 100 dunams. He therefore decided to build a new Jewish neighbourhood outside the Old City, which was the beginning of the New City of Jerusalem. Returning today, Sir Moses would hardly recognize the Jewish Quarter: it is inhabited by a middle-class population, whose apartments are luxurious compared to the poor conditions which existed up to the War of Independence in 1948.

The Quarter's narrow lanes have produced an artist's paradise; the interiors of the houses show great originality in mingling the old with the needs of the present era.

The Quarter, known affectionately by Jerusalemites as the *rowa*, has since 1967 been rebuilt virtually from scratch after its devastation by the Jordanians who destroyed nearly 50 synagogues during their 19-year occupation of the Old City.

The first 45 families moved into it 10 years ago and it is hoped that the reconstruction will be completed within the next three or four years. The population at present numbers about 3,000, which is not very far from the projected total. It includes senior government officials, Knesset members, artists, academics, any number of rabbis and over 500 yeshiva students.

THE JEWISH Quarter traces its roots to the reign of King Hezekiah in the First Temple period. After the return of the Jews from the Babylonian captivity, it became the residential area of the nobility. When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 CE, they prohibited Jews from living in, or even making pilgrimages to, the Holy City. And it was not until the Arab conquest nearly six centuries later that the new rulers, in need of skilled artisans, asked 70 Jewish families from Tiberias to settle there. They were allowed to live in the old Jewish area on the west side of the city, thereby re-establishing the Jewish Quarter. From that time until the 1948 war, Jewish settlement was continuous.

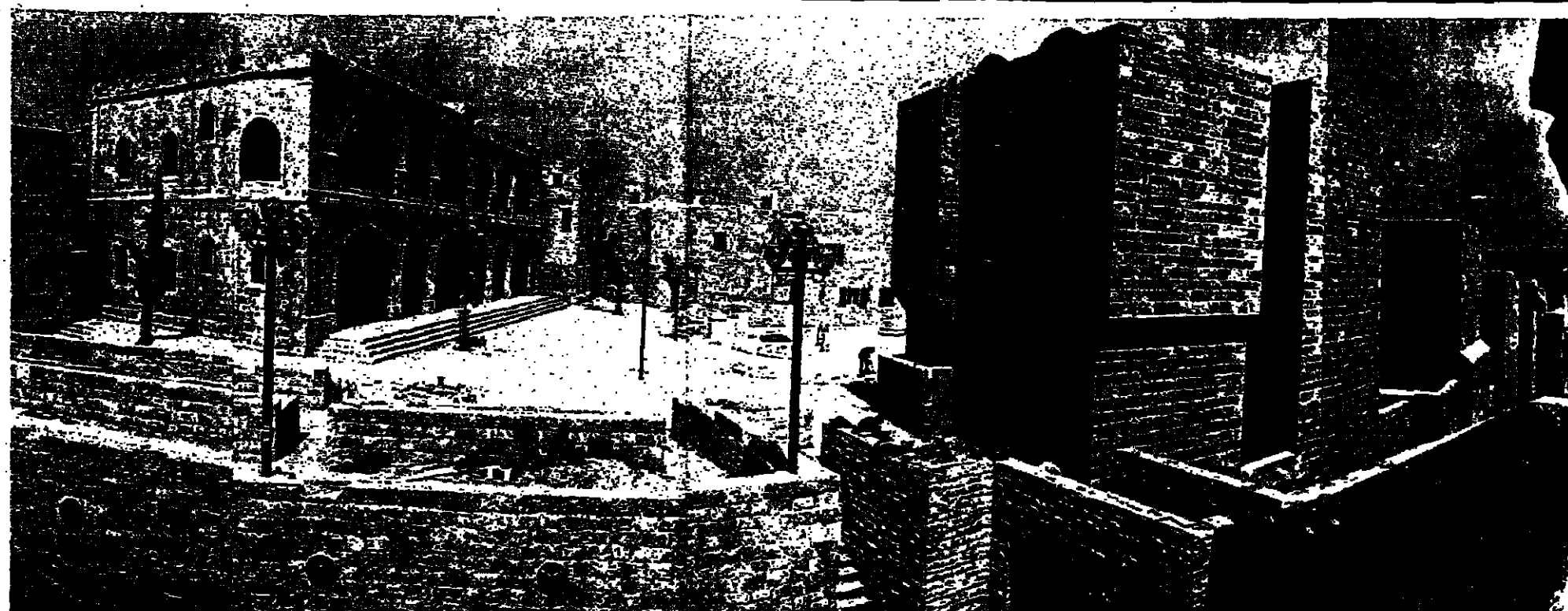
When, after the reunification of Jerusalem, the government made the rehabilitation of the *rowa* a top priority, the *hewa*, as residents call the Company for the Restoration of the Jewish Quarter, set about rebuilding it in its pre-1948 style, restoring original buildings whenever possible. So far, 10 synagogues have been restored, as well as three yeshivot, a community centre, a library and a writers' house.

Some architects rejected building in stone as reactionary, and favoured instead the use of contemporary materials such as glass, steel, and concrete. But it was decided to retain the municipality rule that buildings must be faced with Jerusalem stone.

One problem facing the municipality was that there were no clear property rights in the Quarter. In some buildings the first floor belonged to Arabs, the second to a Jew, and the third to a Christian. "The only possible way was to expropriate all of it for everybody and to rebuild," explained Mayor Teddy Kolek.

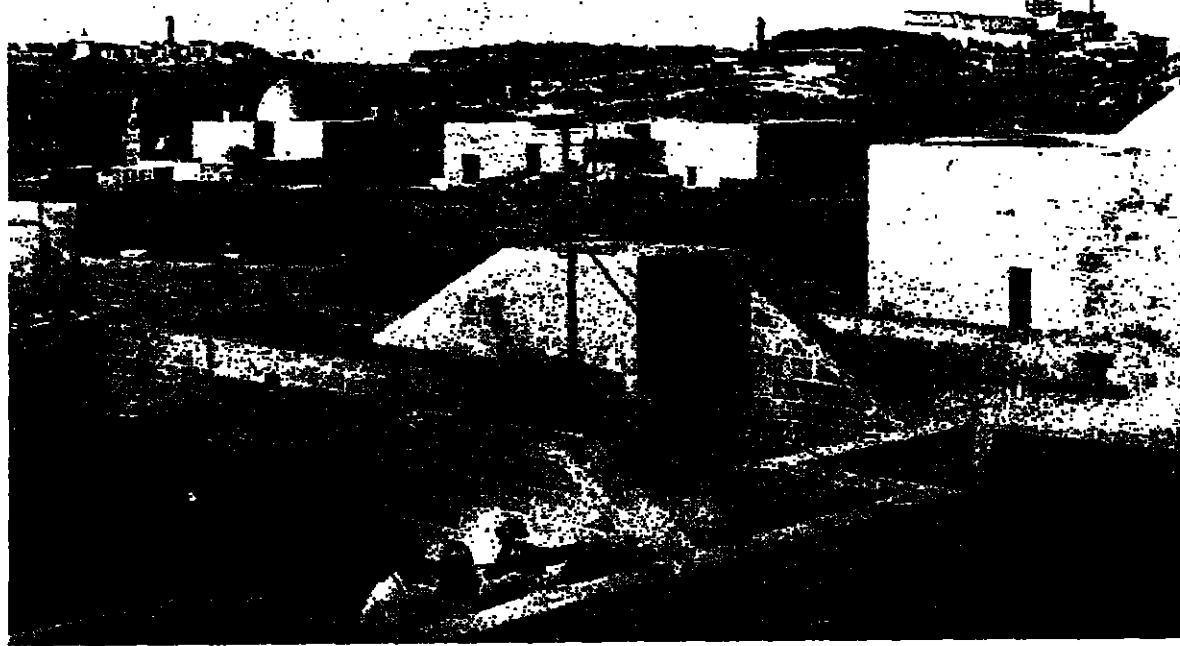
Rich archeological finds made during the construction included the Cardo, the 22m-wide Roman highway built 22 metres from the Zion Gate to the Damascus Gate. A Hebrew University team has uncovered the first evidence of settlement in the Quarter during the First Temple period. Beneath Yeshivat Hakotel, remains from the Second Temple period have been discovered, comprising two rooms and a *mikve* built of massive stones hewn in Herodian fashion.

THE RELIGIOUS atmosphere of the Quarter is pervasive, not only



A new life in the Old City

By YOEL COHEN/Special to The Jerusalem Post



Werner Braun

because it is situated on the fringe of Jewry's most sacred site, the Western Wall, but because, for that very reason, it contains a number of yeshivot. The three largest are the Sephardi Porat Yosef; the Yeshivat Hakotel, with a *heder* programme which enables boys to spend part of an extended period of army service in study; and Aish Hatorah, a yeshiva for *baalei t'shuva*, returnees to Judaism. These three together comprise some 550 students.

Among the others is the small Yeshivat Torat Cohanim, between the Jewish and Moslem Quarters, which specializes in the study of Temple service. The yeshiva's founder, Motti Hacohen, explains that there is a need to prepare a group of Cohanim for work in the Third Temple.

Apart from the yeshivot, about 65 per cent of the permanent population are religious. The shops, the post office and the bank are all owned or run by religious Jews. The nerve centre of the Quarter is to be found in the religious community, with the synagogues the focus of social life. Indeed, unlike most Israeli neighbourhoods — where the population is more dispersed — there is a feeling of community among the residents. There are certain events to which every resident turns up. During Succot, the Yeshiva Aish Hatorah organizes a *Sinchat Beit Hashoeva*, the water libation ceremony dating back to Temple times, and on Jerusalem Day there is a special celebration on the steps of Beit Rothschild, in the centre of the Quarter, which is addressed by Mayor Kolek or another public figure. This year Deputy Prime Minister David Levy is the guest of honour.

WHILE THIS major section of the population covers the whole religious spectrum, from ultra-Orthodox to those who describe themselves as "traditional," it is puzzling to know what attracts the admittedly non-religious to the Quarter. Frances Radai, a law lecturer at the Hebrew University and her husband, Uri, clerk of the Knesset's Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, have lived there since 1975.

Frances, who describes herself as an atheist like "the mixture in the area — the Armenian Quarter, the markets, the Jewish Quarter, and the beautiful architectural and archeological surroundings. Every time I go out it opens up my eyes."

An effort has been made by the religious and the non-religious to show mutual respect. This is expressed, for example, by the Quarter's secular and religious schools being situated in the same building. The citizens' committee, has a fixed ratio of three religious and two non-religious representatives.

But, however tolerant the non-

religious, the latter are showing a tendency to move out of the Quarter. In some cases, people leave because basic community services, such as transport, are not well-developed. In others some feel uncomfortable either with their neighbours or with the proximity of the Western Wall. Frances Radai says her daughter is troubled by the fact that she has to go outside for her social activities. The realities are that, in its atmosphere, the Quarter is necessarily religiously orientated.

There are three schools: a state secular school, a state religious school, and a private Aguda school. Each of the religious schools has over 100 pupils, up to the age of 10, while the secular one has only 30, up to the age of eight. Many parents who had to send their children to schools in other parts of the city at the beginning continue to do so, but as the younger children grow it is anticipated that both the religious and secular schools will be extended to the secondary age-groups. In addition, there are about 100 children in the three official kindergartens and in various play groups.

There is very little contact between the people in the Jewish Quarter and the residents of the Armenian, Christian or Moslem Quarters; although some of the older Arabs remember the Jews who lived here before 1948 and some have even retained their smattering of Yiddish. Most people feel comfortable walking through the streets of the other Quarters in the daytime. There has fortunately not been any major security incident. Yehudit Abinun, a single woman, has no qualms about living in the Quarter. Although she has contemplated acquiring a gun she has not done so, unlike some of the residents.

A more immediate problem is the lack of transport. Apart from one street, cars cannot enter the Quarter. When the *hewa* planned the reconstruction, they wanted to make it a replica of the Jewish Quarter of centuries gone by. As a

result of the decision to preserve the narrow lanes, residents have to leave their cars at the entrance near the Zion Gate.

More serious is the difficulty the emergency services have in reaching the Quarter. Last November, it took an hour for an ambulance to get to a woman critically burned as a result of a gas explosion in her home in Rehov Ararat.

Amos Ungar, director of the *hewa*, observes: "What we want to do is to preserve both the ancient and the unique and enjoy modern facilities as much as possible." He claims that the alleys are wide enough for the emergency services to reach all parts of the Quarter and blames the tragedy on the family for ignoring warnings that their gas installation was dangerous.

It is precisely that which is perceived by the company as a balance between the ancient and the modern that invites criticism from some residents. Such facilities as adequate play areas (there is one

sand-pit for several hundred kids below the age of 10) are notably missing.

Natan Bar-Yaacov, a former ambassador to Norway, says, "I am absolutely dissatisfied with what the company has done. While they may have restored the houses they have neglected the roads. The buildings are too close together. There is no space for children to play. The *rowa* has been an environmental and ecological disaster. They haven't paid enough attention to the conditions in which people live. Teddy Kolek sees it as a museum. The municipality is basically interested in the tourist trade."

There are a small supermarket, two grocery stores, an Arab fruiterer and a branch of the United Mizrahi Bank. There is so far no pharmacy and residents have either to use a pharmacy in the Arab Quarter or else go into town. Mr. Ungar said that if a pharmacy asked for permission to open, it would be granted.

But shopping is restricted. It is not for want of premises; 150 shops have been built; 130 of them stand vacant. The *hewa* is confident of renting them for souvenir and art shops after reconstruction is complete. But whether the Quarter can support so many stores is questionable. Even though the Western Wall is the main attraction for Jewish visitors to Jerusalem, the present 15 souvenir shopkeepers say that the tourist traffic is not as busy as it should be. "Most tourists are taken to the Arab suk or to the souvenir shops in Bethlehem," complained the owner of a jewelry store. "Their guides don't let them roam freely in the *rowa*."

THE RECONSTRUCTION of the Quarter is now in its final stages, with a master plan including a commercial centre with an underground car park near the Zion Gate, as well as a tunnel that will bring buses under the Old City to this gate instead of their having to use the narrow Armenian Patriarchate Road, where they have been stuck more than once.

This plan has been the subject of a great deal of argument among both residents and planners, as well as in the Jerusalem Committee, the international advisory body established by Mayor Kolek in 1969. The idea of digging a tunnel under the Old City has been widely condemned, and an alternative suggestion is that facilities such as parking for residents, a tourist-bus terminal and storage facilities for the suk should be constructed beneath the existing parking lot at Zion Gate.

Among the other plans that still remain to be carried out are a 50-room hotel and a further 50 apartments. Most of those built so far have been sold.

Prices for property in the Quarter vary, with a four-room apartment fetching about \$80,000. Moshe Gilad, an estate agent who lives there himself, says it's a good area to buy in.

"You have a limited amount of land and only a small number of families can live here. Since there will always be people who will want to live in the Jewish Quarter rather than elsewhere it must be a good purchase."

Ruth Fogelman estimates that her five-room house in Rehov Ararat, with its spectacular views of the Jerusalem skyline including the Mount of Olives, Mount Scopus, and the Dome of the Rock, has trebled in value since she and her husband bought it in 1977. But speculators are discouraged and potential purchasers have to satisfy the *hewa* that they are permanent residents of Israel or new immigrants.

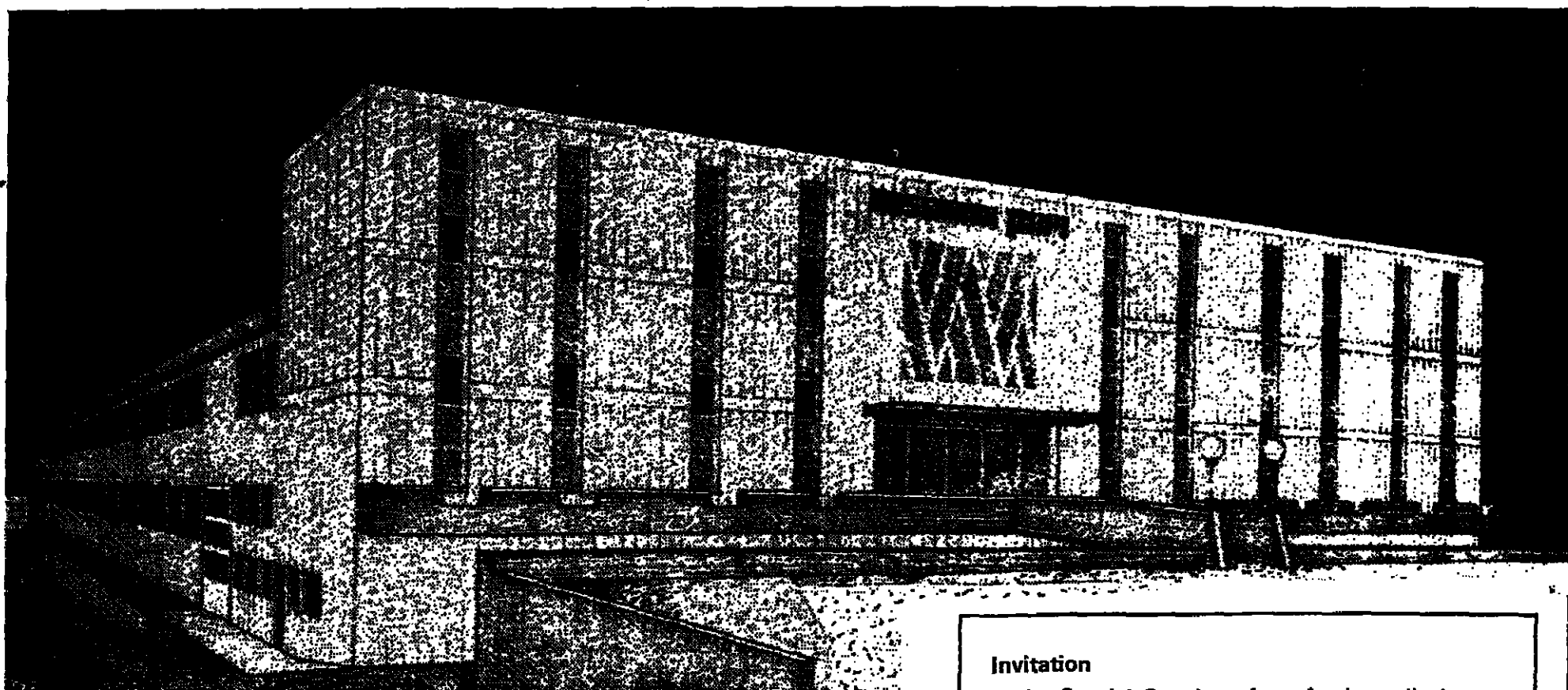
AN EARLY PROJECT carried out in the Quarter was the reconstruction, with funds donated from many countries, of the complex of four Sephardi synagogues named after Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakai, which had long served as the centre of the Jerusalem community and the headquarters of the *Rishon Lezion*, the Sephardi chief rabbi.

An equally important project that still has to be definitively planned is the rebuilding of the Hurva Synagogue, the most striking Ashkenazi synagogue in the Quarter, whose future has become a national issue. Sir Charles Clore, the British millionaire, bequeathed a substantial sum for the purpose. There have been designs for clearing the ruins and building it anew and for restoring what little still stands, with modern additions. But there are those who believe that the ruins should be left as they are as a permanent memorial of the destruction of the Jewish Quarter by the Jordanians.

Another project still in the balance is Moshe Safdie's design for a terrace of steps leading down from the last street of the Quarter, Misgav Ladach Street, to the Western Wall. This has been opposed by the Chief Rabbinate and other religious bodies who fear that it will distract the attention of visitors from the Wall itself and interfere with prayers there. Another objection is that the pathway at the side of the Wall used by Moslems to reach the Dome of the Rock will have to be removed, which will interfere with the religious *status quo* in the Old City that has been scrupulously respected by the Israeli government.

There are undoubtedly problems in living in any developing area. Bar-Yaacov, a lecturer in English literature, contrasts the state of the Quarter with Mark Twain's description of his visit to Rome: "Everything here is wonderful. Monuments, monuments, monuments, while all the people are living in dirt tracks in holes in the ground." We are living in very nice apartments surrounded by holes in the ground. In other words, they have gone one step further but the psychology is the same: it is a comparison between people and their conditions.

But praise is most definitely due. Anyone walking around the *rowa* cannot but be impressed by the way it has been reconstructed to become one of Jerusalem's most inviting living areas while retaining so much of its ancient character.



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THE PLANT manufacturing every connoisseur's favorite jam in Israel, Beit Yitshak 778, went broke, and was only saved from closure by its sale six weeks ago to a new group, one of whom — Ya'akov Pollak — is the new managing director.

It is, surprisingly, a small factory, with only 25 employees. Its ups and downs had homey causes, characteristic of family-sized undertakings. The enterprise was founded almost by accident. The Isaacs family and the Benjamin family immigrated from England in the 1950s, tried their hand at farming in Moshav Beit-Yitshak, and failed (tomatoes being in over-supply at the time).

So they started making jam. Joe and Fay Isaacs occupied holding No. 77 in the village, Hershel and Coral Benjamin occupied holding No. 78 — hence the designation 778 on the labels. Fay and Coral are sisters, their homes were their factory. In due course the cowshed became a storehouse, a workplace was added to it.

The Benjamins did not take kindly to this line of business. Hershel eventually became secretary of the Caesarea golf club, and they left the settlement. In 1969 the government urged Beit Yitshak to export. After negotiations, the Israel Finance Corporation (a subsidiary of the state-owned Industrial Development Bank) bought a half-share. The company acquired the status of an approved enterprise, and exports began.

The little plant did well, but by 1975 Joe and Fay were feeling their age. Their children were not interested in taking over. The son

Two factors have almost succeeded in causing the respected Beit Yitshak 778 label to disappear from grocery shelves. One is Bulgarian imports sold at dumping prices. The other is the younger generation's trend away from basic occupations towards high-technology. DAVID KRIVINE reports in the sixth of a series on businesses in trouble.

married a girl from America and went to live there.

Three daughters are, one a doctor, one a computer scientist, one a domestic science teacher. The three sons-in-law are likewise professional men, two of them physicists and one an architect.

The national trend away from basic occupations toward high-technology is reflected here. The ageing couple are blessed with progeny, including 13 grandchildren — and have no one to succeed them in the family business.

ONE EMPLOYEE, formerly a taxi driver, was called Balfour Halfon. He together with his brother-in-law from the U.S. bought out the IFC holding. Thus four owners possessed a quarter of the shares each: Joe, Fay, Balfour Halfon and the American brother-in-law.

The brother-in-law went back to the States, Balfour bought his shares. Joe and Fay wanted to get rid of theirs. They tried selling to the moshav, which would have been a good idea, but the moshav could not get round to making a decision.

So they sold to a businessman called Yehuda Kahane, and then the

troubles began. The two new partners, Halfon and Kahane were not endowed with outstanding business skills; but they were also dogged with bad luck. Halfon was injured in a traffic accident, the foreman left to work elsewhere, the company chemist resigned to settle in the Golan, the sales manager left when his wife died of cancer, a veteran worker (who made the candy-fruit and was a general factotum) passed away likewise.

There were other problems, notably inflation. Sugar prices soared to \$1,000 a ton 18 months ago (it is now down to \$350 again). The plant was under-capitalized, which made it vulnerable. To cut a long story short, the owners "lost their pants."

JOE AND FAY watched these events with dismay. They inhabit their old house on plot 77 to this day. Surrounded by flowers and creeping-plants, it gives the undertaking a festive air. The Benjamin's old house next door on plot 78 serves as the company office.

What of the future? Beit Yitshak 778 supplies a relatively sophisticated circle of customers, thanks to its high standards. Assis and Vita products are cheaper. A pot of 778 plum jam costs (at my local grocery) IS 23.50. Vita and Assis sell theirs for IS 19.50 — but in a 450-gram jar. If we reduce the size to 350 grams, like the 778, the price would be IS 15.

Beit Yitshak concentrates on chunky jams and does not fear the competition of the other two, who supply a less demanding market. Where direct competition exists is in the newly-started imports from Eastern Europe, which provide good-quality, chunky jams — at a lower price than Beit Yitshak charges.

How do they manage? Pollak's answer is the same as that given by Eli Reches of Izrom when speaking about imported light bulbs (in an earlier article in this series): dumping. The capitalist producer in the West works on a basis of profit and loss, he won't sell below a given figure, "it is not worth his while."

THE COMMUNIST producer sells at whatever figure finds a buyer. He has no idea what his true production and financing costs are (since the price of all his inputs is controlled), therefore does not really know whether he is making money or losing money — and does not care.

This creates an absurd situation in world markets. Says Pollak: "Western producers don't export to Israel because they can't compete with our prices. Here (of Switzerland) supplies a small mob clientele, which is not commercially significant — and that's all."

"We for our part do sell abroad, to the U.S. (Giant Foods, Waldbaum, Borns), to Britain, to Sweden, to Switzerland. Our export

price is \$2.10 c.i.f. New York. The Bulgarians' export price is 74 cents a kilo c.i.f. Haifa. How can that be?"

Retail prices in the shop reflect that difference. Returning to our plum jam, I have just bought two jars. The 778 brand costs me, as stated above, IS 23.50. The Bulgarian variety works out for 350 grams at IS 16.50. Both jams are excellent, they seem to taste equally good.

The Bulgarians' export price is less than half the Israeli's, how is it that their shop price in Jerusalem is only 30 per cent lower? Because (Pollak says) the retailer gets a different mark-up — 35 per cent on the Israeli brand and over 80 per cent on the imported one; which gives him an incentive to promote the latter.

"What bothers us," Pollak goes on, "is not the imported jams that we also make, like strawberry jam or apple jam. Our version stands up to the competition. But the East Europeans grow berries which don't exist in our agriculture, blueberries, raspberries, loganberries — and these sell at the expense of our jams, because we can't offer the equivalent."

Cannot Beit Yitshak import the berries? "No, because we don't use preserves in our jams, only fresh fruit." His complaint is about the import from Eastern Europe of jams which have two characteristics: they are a type not made in Israel, and they are marketed at dumping prices.

What about the exotic products that Beit Yitshak used to make so successfully and then stopped making, like chutney and Kumquats? The market is very limited for these *recherche* lines, "but we shall be producing them again before long," Pollak promises.

THE PRICING POLICY adopted by the East Europeans presents a perplexing problem. The facile answer offered by some economic theoreticians is, let the cheaper item win. If Israel cannot compete with Bulgarian (or Rumanian) jam, it should get out of the jam-making business.

This is a valid conclusion, provided Bulgaria makes a profit at those cut-throat prices. If it does, deliveries are likely to remain cheap; in which case manufacturing expensive Israeli jams for sale behind a protective tariff is a waste of resources.

But if true production costs in Bulgaria are not lower than they are here, that is, if Bulgaria is really selling at dumping prices, there is a case for enacting special protective tariffs. (The duty on all jams is currently 6.5 per cent.) Otherwise the Israeli plants will close down, after which the Bulgarians will put up their prices. And there will be nothing to stop them.

DEDICATED. — Mitzpe Katzir, the fifth settlement sponsored by the Farmers Association in two years, was officially established yesterday on the heights of Wadi Ara.

RELIEF. — The European Commission this week reported it will grant 1.9 million European currency units (1840m.) in relief aid to Niger, Botswana and South Yemen, following drought and floods.

Vietnam got \$23.4 billion; Israel 18.5 billion since 1946 Israel 2nd-biggest U.S. aid recipient

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The U.S. has spent \$23.4 billion on foreign aid since it began with the Marshall Plan in 1946, with Vietnam and Israel as the biggest recipients.

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms disclosed the amounts Tuesday and charged the money would have been better spent in the U.S., reducing the Federal deficit and helping the American economy.

The exact figure, provided by Library of Congress research, is \$23,304,257,900,000 — more than twice the Federal debt. Even after deducting interest costs, the total cost of U.S. foreign aid came to \$286.5 billion, he said.

The figures showed the five largest recipients have been Vietnam with \$23.4b., Israel \$18.5b.,

South Korea \$13.6b., India \$10.3b., and the UK \$8.7b.

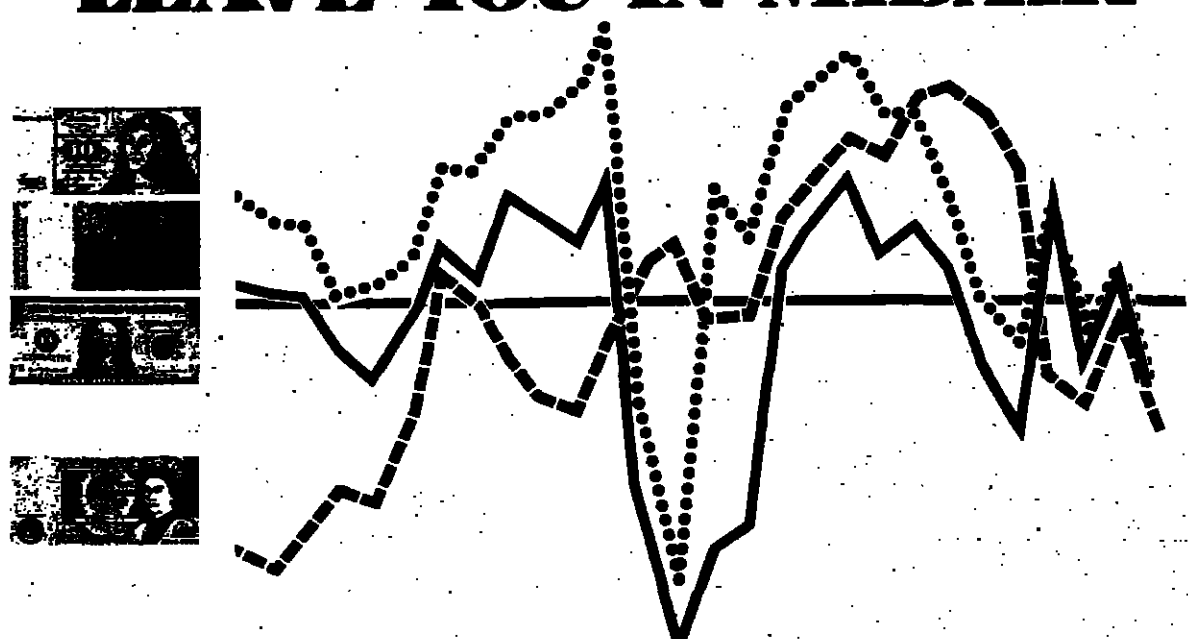
After the top five, the other \$1 billion plus recipients — not listed by amounts — were Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, France, West Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Morocco, The Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

The Library of Congress list included 196 countries, territories and groups of territories, and 18 regional programmes. Thirty-four countries and one regional programme — the Indochina Associate States — each had received more than \$1b. in U.S. aid.

Helms, a member of Congress' Foreign Relations Committee, said the U.S. economy would have been better off — and with a higher Gross National Product — if the funds had been spent in the U.S. instead. "A higher GNP would have meant higher revenues with the same tax rates we have today and thus a smaller deficit and fewer of the problems that are crippling our economy," said Helms.

"It is, however, impossible to predict with certainty the effects of reallocated resources. But I think it is fair to say the return on an investment anywhere in the U.S. would have been better than in the 'investments' we have made with our foreign aid programme."

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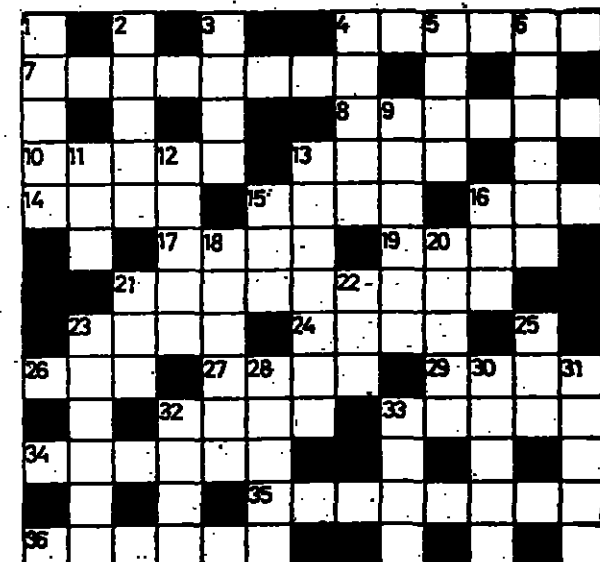
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 4 Ape a historian (6)
- 7 One enjoys it for a decent period (4, 4)
- 8 It's instrumental in giving guidance (6)
- 10 Throwing, perhaps (5)
- 13 James's word? (4)
- 14 Were in jug (4)
- 15 What we need to make war on (4)
- 16 Bird with jazzy exterior (3)
- 17 Employer of a certain anagram (4)
- 19 Missing by some distance (4)
- 21 Fresh delivery for statement! (3, 6)
- 23 Underground worker in a velvet coat (4)
- 24 Born at Land's End in poverty (4)
- 26 Soft as down? (3)
- 27 Act in a documentary production (4)
- 29 Sugary, old lady, familiarly (4)
- 32 Left, broke (4)
- 33 Colour of some pigment an insect contains (5)
- 34 Fight one's sister? (6)
- 35 The rest of the time is always added on (4, 4)
- 36 Seaman burning to do his duty? (6)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 4 Near relation (6)
- 7 Uncommunicative (8)
- 8 Followed orders (6)
- 10 Stalks (5)
- 13 Sketched (4)
- 14 Drink additive (4)
- 15 Alcoholic beverage (4)
- 16 Not many (3)
- 17 Tidy (4)
- 19 Wonderstruck (4)
- 21 Blocked (9)
- 23 Difficult (4)
- 24 Pip (4)
- 26 Item of headwear (3)
- 27 Jot (4)
- 29 Joy (4)
- 32 Burden (4)
- 33 Prepared (5)
- 34 Shoots (6)
- 35 Water tortoise (8)
- 36 Has faith in (6)

DOWN

- 1 Informer, slang (5)
- 2 Horse (5)
- 3 Play divisions (4)
- 4 Supply (5)
- 5 Cook slowly (4)
- 6 Smoothed (6)
- 9 Scold (6)
- 11 Haul (3)
- 12 Large house (5)
- 13 Loathes (7)
- 15 Sack (3)
- 16 Nourished (3)
- 18 Conclusion (6)
- 20 V-shaped block (5)
- 21 Feline animal (3)
- 22 Main (3)
- 23 Hinder (6)
- 25 Commanded (3)
- 28 Unseats (5)
- 30 Lights (5)
- 31 Watching (5)
- 32 Paints (4)
- 33 Uncommon (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS. — 1. "B" last. 6. Jacks. 9. Crystal. 10. Alloy (solder). 11. Carts. 12. Wee-ja. 13. Care for. 15. (wo)Men. 17. One-R. 18. Alpine. 19. Blues. 20. Gazed. 22. Diva. 24. Hal(O). 25. Topical. 26. Set-up. 27. Vests. 28. Silly. 29. Ad-mired. 30. Strips. 31. Tense.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Ideas. 6. Kittens. 12. World. 13. Cough. 14. Regal. 15. Mimic. 16. Ne-pal. 18. Aes-O-p. 19. Bebeads. 21. Late-St. 22. Divide. 23. Va-ul-u. 25. (The Black) Tulp. 26. Star. 28. St.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow



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The case that rocked Wall Street Chase Manhattan to cover \$160m. interest default

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The Chase Manhattan Bank said yesterday it would pay its customers all interest due on securities transactions handled by Drysdale Government Securities, the Wall Street dealing firm that defaulted on \$160 million in interest payments to the bank.

Chase Manhattan also said it would buy out Drysdale's position in U.S. notes to cover securities transactions handled by the bank's institutional banking department.

The announcement reversed the stance taken Tuesday by Chase Manhattan, the nation's third-largest bank, when it said that Wall Street brokerages which supplied the securities it sold to Drysdale would have to seek restitution for losses directly from Drysdale.

The change of heart by the bank was expected to help steady frayed nerves in the U.S. financial community following the disclosure Tuesday that Drysdale was unable to pay the interest due on Monday because of losses in other transactions.

Chase Manhattan said that Drysdale securities' problems would reduce the bank's income in the second quarter of this year by about \$135m.

Cyclone to use new funds for expansion

TEL AVIV. — Aryeh Yehudai and David Kremerman, joint managing directors of Etl Lavud, yesterday announced that the total raised in the new stock issue of their firm's Cyclone Aviation subsidiary, after expenses, amounted to \$147,100,000. As a result of the heavily oversubscribed issue which goes on the market today, Etl Lavud's shareholdings in Cyclone have been reduced to 72.4 per cent.

Cyclone's diversified activities in aviation technology include maintenance, overhaul and

customizing helicopters and light fixed-wing aircraft. It also manufactures and assembles major structural components of airframes for combat and commercial aircraft, and produces machined parts for the aerospace industry. This division is a vendor to the prime contractors for the Israeli Kfir, the American F-4E Phantom, F-15, and A-4 Skyhawk, and the French Mirage.

Since this division opened in 1972, the bulk of its sales have been to the Israel Defence sector. During the past three years, it has been directing its efforts at developing viable export markets for its products and services.

The amount raised by the public issue will be used to increase productive capability, and to acquire new aviation technology.

UK shares, £, drop as invasion looms

LONDON (Reuters). — Sterling dropped below \$1.80 yesterday and London share prices slumped again because of a growing feeling in financial markets that a British invasion of the Falkland Islands is now almost inevitable.

Foreign exchange dealers said they detected some intervention by the Bank of England to support the pound, which eased to a two-week low of \$1.7945, compared with \$1.8102 at the close Tuesday night.

Sterling's trade-weighted index against other major currencies dropped to 89.6 per cent of its 1975 level by noon, compared with 90 Tuesday night.

Financials fear the uncertainty of the military options and the political dangers for the Conservative government, whose economic policies they generally support.

On the stock exchange the Financial Times 30-share index had dropped 11.7 points, to 560.7, by mid-afternoon, and is down 30 points in four days.

Gold meanwhile benefited from the tension and traded at \$342.10 an ounce, \$5.85 higher than Tuesday night.

Hail wreaks havoc with Golan apple crop

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
KIRYAT SHMONA. — The hail storm last week in the northern Golan Heights ruined 8,000 tons of apples, about 90 per cent of the apple crop in the area.

Damage to the 1,400 dunams of apples was estimated at \$560 to 70 million. The settlements in the area, which depend on the apple crop for their livelihood, have appealed to the Treasury and the Agriculture Ministry for help.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

May 19, 1982	IS
U.S. dollar	21.3451
British sterling	38.5460
German mark	9.2150
French franc	3.5354
Dutch guilder	8.2861
Swiss franc	10.7926
Swedish krona	3.6781
Norwegian krone	3.5670
Danish krone	2.7135
Finnish mark	4.7260
Canadian dollar	17.2479
Australian dollar	22.5522
South African rand	19.8968
Belgian franc (10)	4.8755
Austrian schilling (10)	13.0715
Italian lire (100)	1.6603
Japanese yen (100)	8.9636
Jordanian dinar	61.47
Lebanese lira	4.31

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
TEL AVIV. — The action of yesterday's market which saw prices move up along a broad front, indicated that contrary to homespun wisdom, politics and shares do mix. The possibility of the government losing a no-confidence vote in no way affected investor enthusiasm for equities. Nine securities were "buyers only," while 51 were up by margins of better than 5%. Only 13 securities were on the losing side by more than 5%.

Trading was just a hair's breadth under \$1400 million. The index-linked bond market maintained its slow upward movement. Trading was quiet and just under \$121m.

Maritime Bank securities were a good feature in the commercial bank group. The 0.1 shares were 2.5% higher, while the 0.5 stock advanced by 3.2%. The attendant op-

Politics and stocks do mix

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Shares were gaining 4.4%. Shilton, a recent high-flyer, was hit by profit-taking and was dropped for a 7.5% loss.

Strong gains punctuated the in-

urance group. Aryeh was up by 8.8%, while insurance 0.1 gained 9.2%. Securitas was 10% higher and the option zoomed by nearly 15%.

Land development and real estate equities moved ahead by margins of up to 10%.

There was plenty of action in an active and sharply rising industrial group. Urdan 0.5 was 10% higher as Alaska-Sport rose by 9.1%. Electric

Wire and Zion Cables both spurred ahead by 10%.

Investment company issues participated in the rising market. Investment of Paz was ahead by 10%. Piryon chipped in with a 20-point rise.

There was still plenty of upward volatility in the oil group. Exploration of Paz was ahead by 10%, while the option gained 12.5%. Naphtha was "buyers only." In a recent rare display of weakness Fedoil waned by 1.3%.

Commercial Banks & Banking				Insurance				Industrials				Investment & Holding Companies						
Closing Price	Volume	Change	Change %	Closing Price	Volume	Change	Change %	Closing Price	Volume	Change	Change %	Closing Price	Volume	Change	Change %			
Bank Leumi	24200	100	+0.4	Alia 0.1 r	363	12.2	+5.1	+10.0	Urdan 0.1 r	1092	10.1	+3.2	+3.0	Investment of Paz	1102	49.6	+3.2	+3.0
Bank Hapoalim	2050	235.5	+5.2	Alia 0.5 r	349	11.1	+2.1	+6.4	Urdan 0.5 r	135	10.1	+1.7	+10.4	Urdan b	1172	17.7	+10.0	+9.5
Bank Mizrahi	2050	1.6	+5.2	Alia Lease op A	580	5.0	+1.0	+1.9	Urdan op 2 r	5760	21.1	+12.0	+2.1	Urdan op 2 b	1280	32.0	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Leumi Div	6330	5.0	+8.0	Alia Lease op B	262	10.6	+1.7	+6.9	Elbit 0.1 r	—	—	—	—	Elbit b	700	179.8	+2.8	+4.2
Bank Hapoalim Div	4920	5.5	+1.5	Alia Lease op C	143.0	24.5	+4.0	+2.5	Alliance r	—	—	—	—	Elbit op 1	5300	1.8	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi Div	9080	5.3	+1.0	Alia Lease op D	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport 1.0	1580	41.8	+1.2	+9.1	Elbit op 2	5600	2.0	-2.8	-4.6
Bank Hapoalim Div	3110	15.0	+1.0	Alia Lease op E	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 1	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 3	2800	9.7	-9.9	-3.8
Bank Mizrahi Div	2380	14.6	n.c.	Alia Lease op F	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 2	2025	16.3	+8.8	+13.7	Elbit op 4	2495	17.2	—	—
Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op G	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 3	819	750.2	+5.9	+7.8	Elbit op 5	4440	1.0	+4.0	+4.9
Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op H	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 4	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 6	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op I	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 5	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 7	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op K	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 7	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 9	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op L	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 8	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 10	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op Q	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 13	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 15	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op R	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 14	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 16	2495	17.2	—	—
Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op S	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 15	2025	16.3	+8.8	+13.7	Elbit op 17	4440	1.0	+4.0	+4.9
Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op T	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 16	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 18	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op U	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 17	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 19	2495	17.2	—	—
Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op V	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 18	2025	16.3	+8.8	+13.7	Elbit op 20	4440	1.0	+4.0	+4.9
Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op W	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 19	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 21	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op X	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 20	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 22	2495	17.2	—	—
Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op Y	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 21	2025	16.3	+8.8	+13.7	Elbit op 23	4440	1.0	+4.0	+4.9
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Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op AI	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 31	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 33	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
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Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op AL	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 34	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 36	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op AM	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 35	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 37	2495	17.2	—	—
Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op AN	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 36	2025	16.3	+8.8	+13.7	Elbit op 38	4440	1.0	+4.0	+4.9
Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op AO	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 37	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 39	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op AP	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 38	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 40	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op AR	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 40	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 42	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
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Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op BB	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 50	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 52	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op BG	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 55	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 57	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi Div	4880	1.0	-0.1	Alia Lease op BH	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 56	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 58	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op BJ	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 58	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 60	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op BK	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 59	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 61	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op BM	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 61	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 63	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
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Bank Hapoalim Div	2380	2.4	-1.8	Alia Lease op BQ	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 65	630	140.7	+8.8	+8.9	Elbit op 67	2495	17.2	—	—
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Bank Hapoalim Div	1345	94.0	n.c.	Alia Lease op BS	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 67	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 69	3370	1.5	n.c.	n.c.
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Bank Mizrahi Div	3110	6.7	n.c.	Alia Lease op BV	—	—	—	—	Alaska Sport op 70	1290	31.0	+5.0	+4.0	Elbit op 72	3370	1.5		

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Not for the squeamish

THE GOVERNMENT has now turned back another major challenge to its existence, and not through a tie vote, which is tantamount to victory, as was the case eight weeks ago, but with an outright win, 58 to 57. The defection of two Likud Knesset members, Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz, to the Alignment was insufficient to offset the support given to the government.

Premier Begin would, however, have been content, this time, to readily accept even a tie vote. He did not threaten to "go to the president" — to submit his resignation — as he did eight weeks ago, in the event that the result fell short of a clear-cut victory; and Mr. Begin's associates did not have to prevail on him not to go through with his plan.

There was good reason for this. True, in the Knesset yesterday Mr. Begin insisted that the relative strengths of the Likud and its allies, and the Alignment with its supporters, remain today precisely what they were when originally determined by the voters, 58 to 57, and that the Alignment's present majority of 50 to the Likud's 46 is irrelevant to the president's choice of a candidate for the post of premier. But Mr. Begin must know that the final decision rests with the president himself.

If the government were forced out by a Knesset vote on a no-confidence motion, the way would be open for an attempt by Shimon Peres, as the Alignment's head, to form an alternative administration. This would suit Mr. Peres fine. Although he professes to be willing to go to the polls as soon as possible, Mr. Peres would no doubt prefer to face the electorate as prime minister than as leader of the opposition. Incumbency, it is true, provides no automatic assurance of success at the ballot box, as was conclusively shown on May 17, 1977. But it does confer some distinct advantages.

Such was plainly the political rationale behind the coaxing of the two Rafi splinters, Mr. Linn and Mr. Peretz, back into the Labour fold, where Mr. Linn for one said he finally felt "at home."

There is no need to take too seriously the pretence that the motives of the defectors were purely, or even mainly, ideological. Mr. Linn had taken very hard the Likud's refusal to make him its candidate for mayor of Haifa. As for Mr. Peretz, his main concern was apparently that he would be denied a "safe place" on the Likud's next Knesset list. Now he is assured of such a place on the Alignment's list, and he can also lay claim to a seat in the next Alignment cabinet, and to economic posts for members of his La'am faction.

The double deal is distasteful. But it does not fundamentally differ from the example set by the Likud in its post-electoral acquisition of the two seats of Hillel Zeidel and the late Moshe Dayan. True, Mr. Dayan did not actually join the Likud, but Mr. Peretz is not actually joining the Alignment, for the moment, either. In those cases, too, the "dowry," as Mr. Begin calls the Knesset seat, was not returned to its "rightful" owner. The whole affair would not have received such notoriety had it not coincided with the no-confidence motion, and that may have been an Alignment error.

But it takes some gall for the Likud's chiefs, who mortgaged the country to Agudat Yisrael for what might be described as a mess of coalition potage, to hurl such epithets as horse-trading at Mr. Linn's and Mr. Peretz's switch to the Alignment.

While political morality need not be the issue here, the Alignment's political character, on the other hand, certainly is. Mr. Linn's chief interest is the Arab community in Israel. Will his "tough" programme on Israel's Arabs be assimilated — as is the intention according to some reports — into the party's platform? Will Mr. Linn — and Mr. Peretz — trim their Greater Eretz Yisrael sails to suit the Alignment's commitment to territorial compromise, or will it be the other way round?

According to some reports Mr. Peres is willing to strike a bargain with Telem, too, under which the Alignment would endorse Moshe Dayan's idea of "unilateral autonomy" for the Palestinians in return for Telem's backing.

Such indiscriminate swallowing of foreign party planks might broaden the Alignment's coalition prospects — and coalition-building is admittedly the main practical problem in Israeli politics. But it could also flatten the Alignment down in the eyes of the Israeli electorate.

LABOUR STUNNED

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link in the coalition. The idea is to attempt to bring Uzan back into Labour, and efforts are due to begin this week. The sources say that, although Uzan professes loyalty to the coalition, he can be won over.

Peres has openly said that "there are unsatisfied people in the coalition, and if they wish to cross over to us, we will gladly welcome them."

At the same time, there are attempts afoot to pre-empt the coalition's link with Telem by adopting a resolution accepting the late Moshe Dayan's "unilateral autonomy" idea. This was brought before the Labour political committee last night.

But beneath the optimistic Peres forecasts and plans for further assaults on the coalition's lines, there was severe turbulence within the Alignment yesterday, and Peres' own Labour Party was seething. Several MKs said after the vote that they thought the deal with the Likud defectors was "dirty." Nevertheless, they said, "we decided that if it would bring down the government, the end would justify the means. But what happened was that we were left with dubious means without the end that was to justify them."

Peres must still bring the agreement with Linn and Peretz to the party bureau today for approval. Some members said they plan to protest promises of places for the defectors among the first 25 slots of the Alignment list. This, it is claimed, would push deserving, hard-working Labourites down the

line, while Linn and Peretz "did not deliver the goods" — the government was not voted down.

If the deal is denied, then Linn and Peretz may find themselves minus the rewards which Peretz and Labour sources were promised them. Labour sources expect the party to storm over the issue for quite some time yet.

Peres faces trouble not only within his own faction. The Mapam central committee met last night immediately after the Knesset vote to denounce the defection deal. Speaker after speaker expressed outrage, and the deal was described in turn as "nauseating," "a blot on the Alignment's flag," and "unadulterated corruption."

MK Yair Tzaban went further predicting that the "deal brings the breakdown of the Alignment nearer." At the end, the Party adopted a resolution saying that it "rejects the deals with Linn and Peretz both from a political standpoint and on principle. A party delegation will officially inform Peres today that the agreement will not be accepted by Mapam."

Mapam's secretary-general Victor Shevtsov said he had opposed the deal with the Likud defectors on moral grounds, but decided to keep mum in the hope that the government would fall as a result.

MK Shulamit Aloni, whose Citizens Rights Movement is also an Alignment faction, says she too will have to weigh her position. She is afraid that Linn and Peretz will introduce nationalist policies into the Alignment and draw it rightward.

KNESSET LOOKS AT ITSELF

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

OPENING THE recent Knesset debate on "the foundations of Israeli parliamentarism," Yair Tzaban (Alignment-Mapam) looked around the near-empty chamber and observed that his speech could be summed up in a single word: "No!"

As the subject before the House concerned the problem of its own work, what more needed to be said? he asked.

"Even worse," commented Speaker Menachem Savidor, "the 14 members registered to speak are not here."

In the end, 16 deputies had their say on what was wrong with the Knesset. Since raucous sessions have become the common fare of the House, it was not surprising that one thread running through the discussion was the lack of "a culture of debate" in the Knesset. This was about the only point on which a partisan note was sounded.

Ehud Olmert (Likud) maintained that it had become impossible to hold a serious political debate in the Knesset because the Alignment would not let the prime minister complete a single sentence. This was short-sighted even from the Alignment's point of view since it was more important to the opposition that the Knesset be the main forum of political debate.

But Shimon Hillel (Alignment) thought that the prime minister should set the tone: if he needed the opposition, it was only natural for the opposition to repay him in kind.

Earlier, Moshe Shahal (Alignment) observed that Knesset debates could not be "antiseptic." Hillel agreed, as did Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who spoke in his capacity as a Knesset Member. But they held that concerted heckling (Nissim) and a state of constant uproar (Hillel) were not fitting.

A number of speakers questioned the value of Savidor's rule requiring them to wear jackets in the chamber (a rule that has been roundly ignored since the beginning of the summer term). The Speaker would not improve the Knesset's image even if he held a daily inspection of ears and fingernails, quipped Hillel.

Tzaban: "Ears are important, so that we may hear."

Shimon Weiss (Alignment): "Nails, too, so that we don't claw one another."

TSABAN COMPLAINED about the inadequacy of the "explanatory remarks" appended to government bills. He failed to understand how bills could be tabled in the Knesset without background reports. The specialists in government ministries received such reports, but the MKs, who could not be experts on every question, were not supplied with the basic data — "including the arguments against the proposed bill."

Tzaban also raised the matter of the government's response to Knesset resolutions. This question came up in January when the Knesset adopted an Alignment resolution disapproving of the government's handling of compensation for Sinai evacuees, and called for the adoption of a law on the subject.

Tzaban cited the opinion rendered in 1976 by then attorney-general (now Supreme Court

Justice) Aharon Barak that Knesset resolutions which are not rooted in a specific law are not binding on the government. But Tzaban has drafted a bill providing that if a Knesset resolution calls on the government or a minister to take, or to refrain from taking, certain action, then the government or the minister would be required to inform the Speaker by a set date whether they intended to abide by the resolution. If they did not intend to do so, they would have to make a reasoned statement in the Knesset justifying their stand.

"If Knesset resolutions are to be worth something more than the paper they are written on, this is the very minimum the Knesset must insist on," said Tzaban.

Nissim reported that although 48 members were in the building at the time, there were much fewer (only 18) in the chamber.

If it were only the veteran members who stayed away, Nissim said, he would have held his peace: after all, they had sat through these introspective debates on the Knesset and perhaps had given up hope of anything being changed. But what of the new members? he asked. Had they nothing to learn? And then there was a rap over the knuckles for the coalition deputies as a whole: "Your part in following the debates is always less than your proportion in the Knesset. We will not let this pass."

Since so many coalition MKs are first-termers, they were thus doubly rebuked. Nissim expressed regret that he had found it necessary to begin his speech on that note.

Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment): "It's to your credit."

Ora Namir (Alignment): "It's to your honour that you said it."

A few minutes later, Nissim conceded that members were occupied with party duties and with meetings with their constituents. The law even permitted them to engage in additional gainful self-employment. But — and here he used strong words — "I don't think that all members give first priority to their work as Knesset Members."

MUCH OF THE debate focused on the Knesset's 10 standing committees, first of all — yes — the poor attendance there, too, which Mordechai Ben-Porat (Tel Aviv) characterized as "miserable and sometimes disgraceful."

Mordechai Ben-Porat (Shinui) said that the average attendance at the law committee was five or six, with the coalition members usually absent.

Shoshana Arbely (Alignment; chairman of the interior committee): "Five or six is excellent!"

Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM) said it was a common occurrence for a committee to debate a bill or some other subject without a single coalition member being present. Then, just before the vote, the "coalition commandos" rush in and reverse everything that has been decided. If this did not constitute contempt for the Knesset, she did not know what did.

Ora Namir, who heads the education committee, said that when invited guests show up, usually people involved in education, they find only five, three or two members present — "and even they walk in

and out, sometimes glance at a newspaper, or pass notes."

It just isn't true that members who shun the plenum are diligent in their committee attendance, Namir said. "Those who are not in the plenum are not in the committee either, and those who are not in one committee are not in a second committee."

Still, Meir Shitrit (Likud-Herut) and Michael Harish (Alignment) thought that the solution was not to assign a member to more than one committee. Shitrit proposed that each committee should consist of nine members (the present size ranges from nine to 21). And Harish thought that the other committees be formally authorized to participate in sessions of the finance committee when the latter is discussing the budgets of "their" ministries. Shevah Weiss thought that the finance committee should be divided into a budget committee and a finance committee.

A novel note was struck by Mordechai Ben-Porat (Telem). The tobacco smoke in the committee rooms was so thick you could cut it with a knife, he said. Those who wished to smoke should leave for a few minutes. Why should they cause injury to the non-smokers? Furthermore, vegetarians could not get a square meal in the Knesset restaurant.

SEVERAL MEMBERS touched on the question of inadequate staff assistance, both for individual MKs and for committees. "Wee to the member," said Virshupski, "who is not a lawyer and who wants to draft a bill or to make a comparative study of how a certain matter is handled in other countries."

Naftali Feder (Alignment-Mapam) said that the complexity of the subjects aired in the committees, and the rapid pace of the work, often prevented members from studying the problems thoroughly. More expert assistance would yield dividends in better work by the MK.

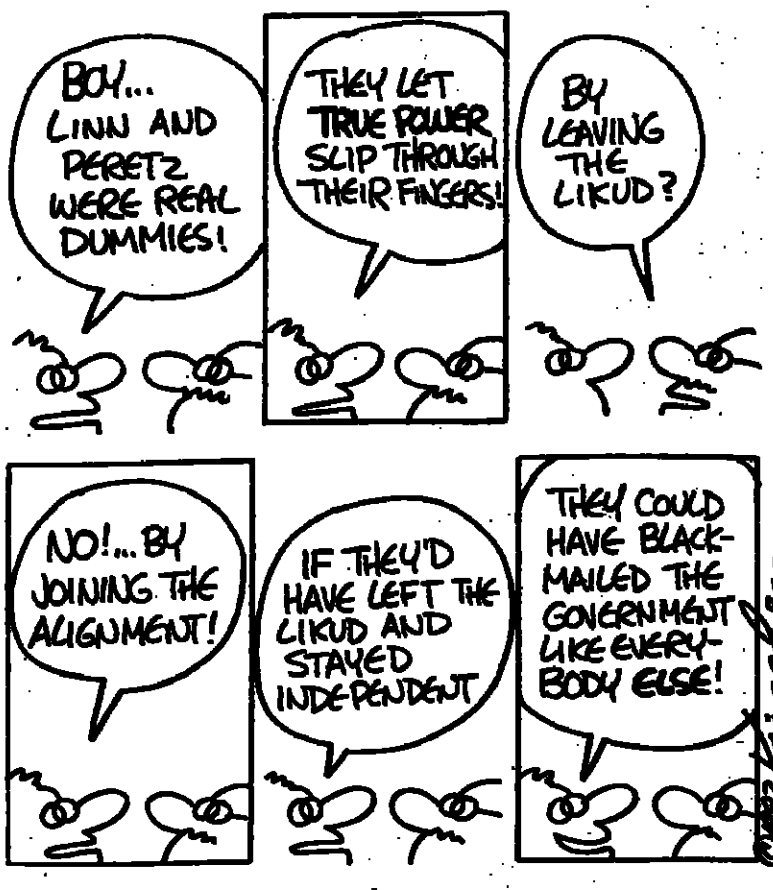
Harish thought that of all subjects raised in the debate, this was the one that warranted the greatest attention. He noted, for example, that the economic committee has a single adviser for the variety of areas it deals with, of which agriculture, tourism, trade, industry and energy are but a few.

Ora Namir said she often wheedles from the finance committee the assistance of one of its advisers to help her understand the Education Ministry's budget. But why shouldn't every committee, or at least every two committees, have an economic adviser of its own who could also help individual MKs prepare private member's bills, particularly with respect to an estimate of the financial cost their bills would entail.

Feder thought that the Knesset should follow the example of the House of Commons in banning television cameras from the chamber. He described the democratic-parliamentary process as "clumsy and hesitant by nature," requiring an exchange of views and public debate for the preservation of freedoms. "But television lacks the patience and tolerance for a serious dialogue."

Television stressed the visual, not the logical, Feder said. Hence,

Dry Bones



Knesset Members, for fear of being regarded as hesitant and thick-headed, sometimes whip out instant answers to complex questions. This creates an impression among the public that easy, immediate answers really do exist, thus giving rise to illusions that ultimately impinge on the foundations of the democratic system.

Namir recalled the television coverage given to Charlie Biton (Democratic Front) — "whom I like very much" — when he turned his back to the House and spoke to the wall, and when he handcuffed himself to the rostrum. This was liable to encourage other publicity-seeking MKs to employ gimmicks.

Not reflected in the state communications media, Namir said, were the substantive matters, the fundamental matters and, "pardon the expression, the normal matters." It was inconceivable that this drab but basic work which dealt with the everyday problems of the citizen went unreported.

SOME OTHER points made in the debate were:

□ Savidor: In an effort to cut expenses, we sent members a questionnaire asking them whether they read the digest of the world press that we prepare for their benefit. Only 30 members bothered to reply.

□ Harish: There is a good deal of improvisation in setting the Knesset agenda. Until Monday noon, we really don't know what's coming up that week. How can the factions or the individual MK prepare properly?

□ Nissim: The great majority of members read their speeches, and this rules out the possibility of any gripping debate. It's not enough to react in a few opening sentences to something said by a previous speaker and then plough into your prepared speech.

□ Namir: Nissim is right. The reading of speeches deprives the Knesset of vitality. But do you know what it is to look at the empty benches and speak? This House lacks not only a culture of speaking but also a culture of listening.

THE DEBATE took place two days after the House committee voted to

restore to Knesset Members the right to a second telephone without waiting their turn. This led Ben-Porat to criticize the 13-man committee for deciding on salary increases and other benefits for MKs without first polling the members on the subject. And Savidor said it was intolerable that even he, who bears the brunt of public criticism for the Knesset's sins, should learn about the committee's decision from the press.

Surprisingly, only one member, Ben-Porat, referred to the leaking of information to the media by members of the foreign affairs and defence committee, all of whom sign an oath not to reveal anything they hear in the committee. He recalled that in a previous Knesset he had once refused to give a journalist such information. "For many years now, that reporter has not given me many lines."

Feder asserted that an MK should devote all his time to his Knesset work: "That's why he was elected. That's why he's getting a salary from the state Treasury."

But Savidor was more realistic. He noted that the Knesset Members' Immunity, Rights and Duties Law does not lay down a single duty. He wanted the law changed to say at least one thing: that members are expected to devote the three days of the week when the Knesset is in session exclusively to Knesset affairs, and must not participate in any event, whether of a party or public nature, outside the Knesset.

It was worth holding the debate just to hear that.

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